

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-53)

February 3, 1956

SAC, CHICAGO (100-1934)

COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
DISTRICT 7 - MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Care should be used in reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

CG 5324-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JOHN D. CRATON on February 3, 1956, that he had received the following information in a recent conversation with PHIL BART, who holds a position equivalent to National Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party.

BART told CG 5324-S that he had recently been in Detroit, Michigan, and that at the present time the Michigan Communist Party District has registered 291 members. BART stated that the Michigan Communist Party leadership stated that they hope to obtain a total registered membership of 350 in Michigan. BART also told CG 5324-S that he, BART, thinks that it is possible that the Michigan District will reach a total registered membership of 350.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Detroit (100- ) (CP - USA, Membership) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - New York (REGISTERED)
- 1 - 100-30639 (CP - USA, Leadership)
- 1 - 100-55557 (PHIL BART)
- 2 - Chicago
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* \* \* \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-8830)  
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
DISTRICT #9 - ORGANIZATION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 2-9-56

Care should be used in reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished the following information to SA JOHN E. KEATING on February 6, 1956. CG 5824-S had received this information in a recent conversation with PHIL BART, who holds a position equivalent to National Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party, and with MARTIN MACKIE. For the information of

- 3 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100-3-68)(CP - USA, Membership)
- ③ - New York (REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100-80641)(CP - USA, Organization)
  - (1 - 100-80638)(CP - USA, Membership)
  - (1 - 100-56579)(PHIL BART)
- 11 - Minneapolis (REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100-1878)(CP - USA, Organization)
  - (1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Membership)
  - (1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Farmers Matters)
  - (1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Political Activities)
  - (1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Strategy in Industry)
  - (1 - 100- ) ("Daily Worker")
  - (1 - 100-1281)(ROBERT KELLY)
  - (1 - 100-367)(MARTIN MACKIE)
  - (1 - 100- ) (ROSE TILLOTSON RENAUD)
  - (1 - 100- ) ( )
  - (1 - 100- ) (CLARENCE SHARP)
- 2 - Chicago
  - (1 - A/134-46)

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the Minneapolis Office, the National Office of the Communist Party wants CG 5824-S to become Co-ordinator of Midwestern Communist Party Districts.

Composition of the District  
Board of the Minnesota  
Communist Party District

CG 5824-S learned that at the present time, the District Board of the Minnesota District is composed of the following persons:

MARTIN MACKIE, Chairman; [redacted] ROBERT KELLY, who is looking for a job in industry; CLARENCE SHARP, who is working on farm matters and press matters. SHARP receives expense money but not a salary from the Communist Party; and ROSE TILLOTSON.

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CG 5824-S further advised that while [redacted] is referred to as the [redacted] he is the political leader and is actually in charge of the Communist Party in the Minnesota District. This is understood by the National Office of the Communist Party and by both [redacted] and MACKIE. In other words, the official titles for MACKIE and [redacted] do not have any significance. MACKIE also stated that they are considering re-organizing the District Board and may add about two more persons to the District Board.

BART suggested that CG 5824-S invite [redacted] to Chicago to converse with the informant and also to let [redacted] know that the National Office of the Communist Party would like to see [redacted] since it has been several years since he has been seen by national Communist Party leaders.

Scheduled District  
Committee Meeting

CG 5824-S learned that the Minnesota District plans to have a District Committee meeting in Minneapolis on February 26, 1956. CG 5824-S advised that there is a possibility that the informant may be asked to attend this meeting.

Communist Party Membership  
in the Minnesota District

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According to MARTIN MACKIE, the Minnesota District has registered between 250 and 280 members at the present time, and that they definitely expect to register 300 members. MACKIE stated that he could not give a precise figure for registered members at this time, since some of the information from rural areas has not been received as yet.

MACKIE stated that the registered membership in the Twin Cities area is 100. The registered members in North Dakota total 35, and the registered members in South Dakota total 32. He stated that they believe that it is possible to reach a registered membership of 54 in North Dakota, and 52 in South Dakota. The remaining members are scattered throughout the cities and rural areas of Minnesota. MACKIE commented that the registered membership in Duluth, Minnesota, at the present time is 0.

CG 5824-S advised that BART discussed with MACKIE the need to stop the national decline in the number of registered Communist Party members. He suggested that the Minnesota District contact persons who used to be in the Party or close to the Party in the areas of concentration. He also suggested that the Mesabi Range be made an area of concentration, with an effort being made to obtain Communist Party members in that area.

MACKIE stated that they have made some progress in the rural areas. He said that in the 9th Congressional District, CLARENCE SHARP had visited many farmers, ostensibly for the purpose of conducting a poll among farmers as to present day farm conditions. After making these contacts, SHARP re-visited these farmers and in this manner was able to get 42 renewals of "The Worker" subscriptions and 22 new "The Worker" subscriptions.

#### Political Activities

SHARP stated that the Minnesota Communist Party District is getting ready for the Presidential primaries, which will be held during the latter part of March. (It is believed that this date is March 20, 1956.)

In Minnesota, the Party is going all out for the defeat of Congressman JUDD, who they associate with the lobby of Nationalist China. MACKIE stated that the AFL - CIO, the



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forces of Senator HUBERT HUMPHREY and the Farm - Labor Party are also campaigning for the defeat of JUDD, who is being opposed in the primaries by MATTHEWS, ROBY and THOMPSON. (All spellings phonetic).

MACKIE stated that in the 7th Congressional District the Party sees the possibility of a coalition between the Farmers Union and the Farmer - Labor Federation.

In the 9th Congressional District the Party sees the possibility of Mrs. KNUDSON (ph) being re-elected, although she is opposed by the forces of Senator HUBERT HUMPHREY.

MACKIE stated that the Party leadership in the Minnesota District feels that the possibilities are good for really accomplishing something during the elections and for actually building the Party. As a reason for this optimism, he stated that the Minnesota Central Labor Council of the AFL recently elected by a majority of two to one the KREEMAN (ph) - WISHART forces which had been using progressive slogans.

MACKIE stated that there is still a strong Socialist and Trotskyite influence in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Except for the Trotskyites, the Party may attempt to formulate a plan of work with the other forces to form a united front, especially in the trade unions.

With regard to North Dakota, MACKIE stated that there is a split in the Republican Party, with the Non-Partisan League moving into the Democratic column. He stated that the progressive Republicans under Senator WILLIAM LANGER are united with the old guard Republicans, and Senator MILTON YOUNG is tied in with the Texas oil interests and Senator JOSEPH MC CARTHY of Wisconsin. The Party wants to see the defeat of Senator YOUNG. MACKIE stated that "The Leader", the newspaper of the Non-Partisan League, has recently stated that they will not tie themselves with either party, although they are in the Democratic Party column for the time being. The Non-Partisan League wants to act as an independent and favors the candidacy of QUENTIN BURDICK (ph) against Senator YOUNG; however, a problem exists because of a family feud between QUENTIN BURDICK and his father, who is an old guard Republican with a large following.

MACKIE stated that the Communist Party would like to get support from trade unions and liberals throughout the United

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States to raise money and enter the campaign in North Dakota indirectly against the old guard Republicans. He also stated that the Party has people who are in the Party or close to the Party in the AFL in North Dakota. Concerning South Dakota, MACKIE stated that the Party believes that there is a good chance that HOLUM (ph) can defeat Senator FRANCIS CASE.

MACKIE pointed out that in the Dakotas "right to work" laws have been passed so that the trade union movement is out to defeat the Republicans who sponsored these laws, and that the discontent of the farmers also creates possibilities for the defeat of Republican candidates.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-7705)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
DISTRICT #21 - ORGANIZATION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 2-9-56

Care should be used in reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JOHN E. KEATING on February 6, 1956, that he had received the following information in a recent conversation with PHIL BART, who holds a position equivalent to National Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party - USA. For the information of the St. Louis Division, the National Office of the Communist Party wants CG 5824-S to become Coordinator of midwestern Communist Party Districts.

BART told CG 5824-S that BILL SENTNER continues to be the acting Chairman or District Organizer

- 3 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100-3-68)(CP - USA, Membership)
- ④ - New York (REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100-80641)(CP - USA, Organization)
  - ~~(1 - 100-80638)(CP - USA, Membership)~~
  - (1 - 100-56579)(PHIL BART)
  - (1 - 100-20649)(ED STRONG)
- 5 - St. Louis (REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100-15872)(CP - USA, Organization)
  - (1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Membership)
  - (1 - 100- ) [redacted]
  - (1 - 100- ) [redacted]
  - (1 - 100- ) (WILLIAM SENTNER)
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of the Missouri District of the Communist Party. BART stated that it has been decided by the National Office of the Communist Party not to make [redacted] the District Organizer for Missouri because of information received from ED STRONG, whom CG 5824-S has identified as a member of the National Communist Party Negro Commission. BART stated that STRONG pointed out that [redacted] has a record of excessive drinking in the past. BART stated that [redacted] is still under suspicion. CG 5824-S also reported that BART stated that the National Office of the Communist Party believes that a full-time Party person is needed as the District Organizer in Missouri.

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Concerning membership, BART told CG 5824-S that the Missouri District has registered "only about sixty members." BART commented, however, that he did not know whether or not the registration is completed in Missouri.

CG 5824-S further advised that BART stated that he has instructed SENTNER to maintain contact with the informant.

It is again noted that extreme care should be used in reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

SAC, NY (100-26603-041) (#20-13)

2/7/56

SA RICHARD H. BLASSER (#7-4)

CP, USA DISTRICT #2  
NY DIVISION; (QUEENS COUNTY CP)  
IS-C

Source  
Reliability

[REDACTED]  
This informant has furnished reliable information in the past and his identity must be concealed by the use of a T symbol

Description of  
Activity

Copies of 3 current CP registrations for unknown individuals from the Jamaica CP Section

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On 2/2/56 [REDACTED] furnished to SA RICHARD H. BLASSER copies of 3 registrations for unknown CP members from the Jamaica Section.

Informant advised he received the registrations from the Jamaica CP Section.

Informant made a copy of the 3 registration slips and turned the originals over to the Queens County CP.

Informant advised he does not know the identity of the individuals who were registered and noted that no name or initial for the persons registered appears on any of the registration slips.

- 1 - [REDACTED] (#7-4)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-0358 (JAMAICA CP SECTION) (#20-13)
- 1 - NY 100-80638 (MEMBERSHIP) (#12-14)

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TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-89590)(#12-14)

SUBJECT: CP, USA STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY  
IS-C

DATE: 2/13/56

Identity of Informant: NY 1475-S\*

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past

Date: 12/21/55.

NY 1475-S\* advised that on 12/21/55, [redacted] at CP National Headquarters, requested to know if anyone wanted to accompany him to Pittsburgh. He stated that if they did not make a change in Pittsburgh the strike was going to be lost. He pointed out that JACK (possibly [redacted]) was in there by himself and was not spending any time on the strike and that they need liaison between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. He also said that Cleveland was not too far away, and GEORGE (believed to be [redacted]) knew the area in Pittsburgh. [redacted] pointed out that with a man in the city who was going to work with JACK, and with the forces that were available they might be able to break the strike out into the open. He pointed out that even if nothing else could be done at least they could find out what the situation was and what they could do. He said that his feeling was that the person who went there should be prepared to stay there if necessary until the end of the strike, at least if not longer. He said that if [redacted] were to agree to go they could sit down for a whole briefing session.

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- 3 - Pittsburgh (100- [redacted] CP, USA STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)(RM)  
(1 - 100- [redacted])
- 1 - Cleveland (100- [redacted])(RM)
- 1 - Philadelphia (100- [redacted] CP, USA STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)(RM)
- 1 - New York (100-28609) [redacted] (#19)
- 1 - New York (100-80398) [redacted] (#20-11)
- 1 - New York (100-18673) [redacted] (#19)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART)(#19)
- 1 - New York (100-80641) (CP, USA ORGANIZATION)(#12-14) 100-80638 - 1005
- 1 - New York (100-6622) [redacted] (#7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-80638) (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP)(#12-14)
- 1 - New York (100-89590)

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At this point, an unidentified man asked [ ] if they should wait for him, and [ ] replied that they should. [ ] said that it was an exciting thing and he would like to go but he had a complicated schedule. [ ] stated that it would be for a 2 or 3 week period.

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Later that same afternoon, according to the informant, PHIL BART told [ ] that they had had a review of Party organization and were tightening up the Party organization. He remarked that there was a lot of loose spending, and there was a need for a more orderly knowledge of what they had in the organization. As an example, he pointed out that the whole industrial strength of the Party needed more attention. [ ] stated that it hadn't held its own, and BART stated that some areas had been supposed to give more attention to this but it had not been done.

BART then stated that their registration would not show too much, and he was convinced that they would have to take a separate industrial registration. He said that an organizer should be able to sit down with a couple of people and himself or at least "one of us," and give the actual facts and tell what was going on. He said that on "Industrial" in May or June they had an Eastern meeting with a report, and he still had the original notes, or could find them. He said they didn't do it for the Midwest area because of things coming up. BART stated that the organizational departments were not "orientated" to industry, but this was not a new problem. He stated that up until September he had regularly visited the Midwest, and ANDY (possibly [ ]) had worked on the East coast, and in fact that was the way the matter was set up at present. BART stated that he was thinking of a series of meetings for steel and so forth, but would hold back because the big problem remained, which was, that the whole organization should be aware of industry and the attention and leadership should be given to the forces in industry. BART pointed out that in the '30's everyone was involved in trade union orientation, whether it was a doctor in his office, or a person assigned to a shop, or a person assigned to the organization.



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BART then asked how it would be possible to get the whole Party concerned with industry instead of just concentration. He said that he was not trying to come up with an answer, but he thought that they should have a committee composed of both organization and industry to study this problem.

In the event it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

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PHILADELPHIA (100-32208)

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)  
SAC, NEW YORK

CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP  
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On 2/14/56, [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past, reported orally to SA [redacted] that THOMAS NABRIED stated that on the week end beginning 3/2/56, LOUIS BURNHAM will come to PH as principal speaker at a CP-sponsored function to be held at 3538 North Gratz Street, PH. According to NABRIED, former CP members who have been inactive will be invited to attend with the possible objective of reactivation. NABRIED is Regional Organizer, 4th CD Region, CP, EPD, and a convicted PH Smith Act defendant.

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- 3 - BUREAU(100-3-68)(REGISTERED MAIL)
- ② - NEW YORK (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - PH 100-32208
- 1 - PH 65-1686 (THOMAS NABRIED)
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - PH 100-38290 SUB A(LIBRARY)

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(#12-14)

SUBJECT: CP, USA ORGANIZATION  
IS-C

DATE: 2/21/56

IDENTITY OF INFORMANT:  
RELIABILITY:

NY 1475-S\*  
Who is in a position  
to furnish reliable  
information concerning  
activities at CP National  
Headquarters, 268 7th  
Avenue, NYC  
12/2/55

DATE:

- 3 - Chicago (100-CP. USA ORGANIZATION) (RM)  
(1 - 100- [redacted] (RM)
- 3 - Detroit (100-HELEN WINTER) (RM)  
(1 - 100- [redacted] (RM)  
(1 - 100-CP, USA ORGANIZATION) (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles (100-CP. USA ORGANIZATION) (RM)  
(1 - 100- [redacted] (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (100-CP. USA ORGANIZATION) (RM)  
(1 - 100- [redacted] (RM)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#19)
- 1 - NY 100-26603 (CP, USA DIST.2) (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-26603 Sub C40 (Bronx County CP) (#20-10)
- 1 - NY 100-79717 (CP, USA Political Activity) (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA Membership) (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-19679 (ISIDORE WOFSY) (#19)
- 1 - NY 100-89590 (CP. USA Strategy in Industry) (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-103390 [redacted] (#7-2)
- 1 - NY 100-116907 (Socialist Union of America) (#7-3)
- 1 - NY 100-50656 [redacted] (#7-3)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA Funds) (#19)
- 1 - NY 100-93572 (National Guardian) (#7-2)
- 1 - NY 100-80641

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NY 1475-S\* advised that on 12/2/55, a meeting, apparently a pre-National Conference Meeting on Party Organization, took place at CP National Headquarters. In connection with the meeting, according to the informant, a blackboard was apparently used to supplement the discussion.

PHIL BART opened the meeting on organizational work and stated that what he desired was an exchange of ideas to help out on some of the problems. According to BART, the aim of the meeting was not to achieve any definite end, but was merely for the purposes of discussion. He said that he was principally concerned with a number of questions including: The Party Club, its relationship and how to strengthen it in the coming period; the whole Party method of functioning, especially public activities, more open meetings and so forth, and the forms they took in different areas; and a special study of the small town which had been going on for three months.

BART talked about the New York organization because it was characteristic and had a number of complexities. He said that the Party was going through a big change at the present time for which the organization was prepared generally but not completely. One of the problems entailed was to prepare politically the membership to move forward more and more into public activity. BART stated that the Bronx Organization was the weakest one in New York.

BART said that in the last few years, the Party, and New York in particular, had been separated from particular electoral divisions. He said that New York was divorced from all that except for the people who were active in political action because of their personal connections but this was not because of the Party Organization. He said that they spoke about mid-city, North Side, South Side, and so forth, and the whole situation was completely dis-associated. He said that it should be organized on the basis of political activity, congressional and so on.

Another problem, according to BART, was the large

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population shift which had taken place in the Party organization in the last few years in many places. He said that many were lost as a result of these shifts due to the lack of relationship between lower organizations and the top.

New York, in particular had experienced a big shift in population with the result that many areas which were formerly unimportant had become important bases.

At this point, according to the informant, an unidentified man took the floor and stated that New York was different than other main cities, with the exception of the largest because in New York it was possible, in one Congressional District, to have branches of all main organizations with the result that the functional club of an organization in that district actually became a part of the community set up and therefore an integral part of the neighborhood organization and did not lend itself to city-wide supervision.

The unidentified man then talked about the problem of membership and dealt with different categories of people: people who half hide but are not attending; people who had been dropped in the past three to five years because of varying attitudes toward the concept of membership; people who had been set aside very consciously because of what "we" would now consider incorrect attitudes. He pointed out that this was a major problem in New York where the estimate was close to a thousand people. He said that in many areas there had been a break in the continuity of the leadership and the current leadership did not know who had been around in the period of the past four to eight years.

He said that there was insufficient knowledge in the leadership as to where these people were and this was one of the reasons why, according to the communications sent by the National Organizational Commission, they were not taking the most recent membership figures as the basis for the registration but rather were going back to 1953 and in some instances, 1952, in order to set a goal.

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The unidentified man then spoke about what he considered the two main functionaries of any organization, namely, the organizer and the secretary plus an operative corps to enable a group to have a political life.

He then spoke about a city in "key industrial concentration" and a key industry where several individuals were recruited. At this point, according to the informant, IZZY WOFSY asked if they were new people and the man replied that they were new people and this situation was the result of consistent organizing, planning and perspective which had been a new policy for a year and a half.

At this point, according to the informant, a woman believed to be HELEN WINTER asked what the decision was on "this functional business" and BART replied that it was their belief that the functional club was a transitional club, not a basic form of organization. He stated that New York had a number of them and that they had agreed to maintain them and keep them in their present state because to dissolve them would weaken the Party with the main emphasis on the community. He said, however, that they were making up sections to combine both.

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Then, according to the informant, a man believed to be [redacted] took the floor and stated that he wanted to start his discussion with registration. He said that in the Illinois-Indiana district, the percentage they had on hand was 40%. He said that was the figure which was on the book and, while it did not tell the whole story, they had to abide by it. He said that all the reports indicated a very healthy reaction and that nowhere had they encountered, in any major sense, the kind of resistance which they had had in the previous years. He said that registration was being undertaken by the sections and particularly by the clubs, and that a lot of registration in Illinois had been completed by top circles, by top special apparatus going out on a kind of wildfire campaign approach.

He mentioned the membership on the books pointing out that it did not mean necessarily that they were all fully activated or attending meetings but that there

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was contact. He said that there had been a breaking down of apprehensions otherwise they would have had the reverse of what he reported. He said that a very brief review which they had held on the subject of registration a few days previously had shown that some of the most active forces were in mass work, particularly in trade union forces. He stated that if they could win back in Chicago, in Illinois, 10% along that line, it would not be unimportant because they would be winning back some of the forces which were the most valuable to the Party and not just adding figures.

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The man believed to be [ ] then discussed the general organizational structure of the Illinois-Indiana district and stated that they were now going through a certain reorganization mainly along the lines of increasing the size of the clubs and increasing the size of the sections. He said that they did not have too much "super structure" in between that. He stated that in industrial clubs, they were facing facts. Instead of 2 or 3 clubs in a given shop and a so-called section committee, the organizational set-up had devolved into a combination of the two in some places and in other places a section had become a club. He pointed out that the work had to be done on a "shop to shop basis." He pointed out that, contrary to previous changes in organizational structure, this time there had been questions from below in terms of whether or not they knew what they were doing. He remarked that any change in organizational structure that was not against a background of certain political orientation that had to be developed in the ranks of the Party, became very sterile and very dangerous. He protested that he was not drawing any conclusions but there was a healthy skepticism among shop clubs as to the meaning of this so-called "opening up" on the part of the Party.

He said that a great deal of concern about the question of security was evident. He warned that they should be very careful in the new political perspective not to swing the pendulum too far and pointed out that problems of the shop clubs deserved a good look rather than "pat cliches."



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The man said that as far as community clubs were concerned, they had just a few such which were active live clubs. He said that they had still to build some of these clubs in many places but they still had their neighborhood base.

One thing which they had tackled in straightening out their organization, according to the man, was the question of re-establishing apparatus and, from top to bottom, concentrating on three phases: - namely, organizer, organizational secretary and educational director. He said that they were trying to inculcate at the club level, the concept that even though they had an organizational secretary, it was not an organizational secretary in just that sense but rather a comrade who handled dues, finances, membership problems, things of that category, and press. He said that the educational director handles education and literature. He said, "It is not uniform, but it's the line we're fighting for from top to bottom. You had generally, just one person from the top all the way down to the club. We feel, while guarding against the dangers of new super structure being created, it is necessary."

As a final thing, according to the man believed to [redacted] while they were putting these kinds of problems before themselves, before the board, the Secretariat, and the organizational Commission, he felt that they very definitely needed a lot of stress on the concept of organization as related to mass work because that was the key function of organization, to gear the Party to establish relationships with the masses.

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In conclusion, he said that in terms of future agendas for their organizational commission meetings, the next commission was going to discuss the Party and its relation to the '56 elections. He said that another question would be the relationship of the leadership to their industrial work. He also said that they had had a discussion of the problem of building a mass Party in the Negro communities.

According to the informant, a man named [redacted] (possibly [redacted]) then started discussing the Philadelphia

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area. He said that they had no problem in relation to special clubs because they had dealt with that over a year ago being forced to do so because they would not accept Party discipline and had a structure wherein a goodly portion of the membership consisted of special groups dealing only with one or another of the top functionaries of the district with no responsibility to any other level of work except the organization of which they were a member. He said that there was no basis for functional clubs in such organizations as the IWO and the P.P. He said that they still had a few special clubs which were connected with the community organization. They were also establishing a special committee for city-wide problems consisting of 2 or 3 people representing "these clubs" but on all other basis of work, these clubs were responsible to their section committee, the center of all their work.

He said that the function of the special committee would be to correlate the work of the special area, certain right-wing Jewish organizations, and certain political organizations in which these clubs existed. He said that they had an industrial region which practically encompassed the total of the industrial membership, all the shop clubs, and the industrial sections which were able to establish clubs. He said that they did not set up general industrial clubs but had an industrial region and neighborhood regions based on Congressional Districts.

He then spoke about "our membership in Philadelphia and out of town". He made the statement that "out of town" had seven regions, three of which had stable operating organizations; another being "that group in God's country which exists in spite of us and operates by itself quite well." He said that the other three are serious problems.

According to the man, their divisions in their district were now based primarily on Congressional Districts. He said that the main political leadership was responsible for every phase of work with the Regional Committee. Concerning the makeup of the Regional Committee, he said that it was not uniform, being made up of one section in several instances and three sections in other places. He also said that they had a city committee whose membership

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was assigned on the basis of need and assigned for specific areas and specific work. He said that they found this system more efficient. He said that they were operating with "this many" (number not specified) full timers in the district, by design, with one additional person functioning in the concentration region that they had, and that was all. He said that one person was responsible for the city as a whole, directly, maintaining their state post, and the other two were paying their main attention to out of town and special problems. He admitted that it was difficult to operate with individuals who had worked full time all their lives and were not now doing so.

He said that they had established a new structure which was started two years previously in Philadelphia and consisted of a blend of old and new leadership that would not break up continuity regardless of what happened. He said that they had based themselves on "functioning committees."

The informant then advised that HELEN (possibly HELEN WINTER) took the floor and stated that as far as they were concerned, the Political Action groups of the unions were decisive and carried the balance of power. She said that this condition obtained throughout the Trade Union apparatus but that people in the community were the "late" workers and had relations with other mass organizations.

According to the informant, apparently utilizing a blackboard in connection with her talk, HELEN then described a unique situation prior to the primary election. It had come about when an unidentified man had been placed in a position of being a candidate for a certain office because two or three other candidates, who had already filed, were pushed out by "this" or "these officials themselves." HELEN said that this circumstance had placed them in a position of figuring out what action to take and they had decided that they had to give some unqualified support, not in a public way, but in a way of having people work in a certain part of the district and influence as many as possible to vote. She advised that the unidentified man and the people of "that" grouping felt that it was necessary to run because of "this" situation. Continuing, HELEN stated that people had been shocked and as a result, they got all kinds of reactions. She said that some very close friends had stated

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that "we don't dare to do this and if we do, we will contribute to the defeat of this person." What actually happened, according to HELEN, was that "he" and the next person, a city councilman, who was the one people were afraid was going to get the nomination, got in the neighborhood of "that" and, in addition, a national committeeman carried on a tremendous campaign. HELEN said that she thought that this instance illustrated the importance of a relationship between the Trade Union and the community activity and what to do at the proper moment. She said that they had more enthusiasm as a result of this than when "this guy" ran for Congress.

Digressing, HELEN stated that, because of the nature of this information, she was doing so much writing on the blackboard because "this guy" was very much "on the spot." Continuing, she stated that they had had to get a lot of people to vote and therefore had invaded the most congested area, a certain ghetto type of community. She said that their position was to get the most people possible behind this movement.

She stated that there had been so much pressure that three candidates were forced to remove themselves and that was the reason why "this guy" was called upon because these people knew that he couldn't be pushed out if he agreed to go; in which he did. She then remarked, "What I'm saying is, I agree with Joe, or was it Ed, that we have to prepare ourselves for the coming electoral activities and we had a taste of it in this special campaign in the last several weeks."

HELEN then said that she was very concerned about their shop business because they had made no headway there except in one particular spot. She added, however, that that was not because "our people are not there." An unidentified man then spoke and said, "Elsewhere in the country, HELEN, the reverse is true. That's why we keep talking about neighborhood."

Resuming her discussion, HELEN said that people had forgotten about initiation fees and urged that some material on initiation fees be sent out to the membership.

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An unidentified man remarked that the same thing applied to the dues category.

HELEN then spoke about contract negotiations and meetings, almost public meetings, attended by 20 or 30 people, where [ ] went to speak. She stated that, "this is our form and is one of our liveliest groups." An unidentified man then asked how the leader of "that" was integrated as far as the top was concerned, and HELEN replied that "he" only attends "these things" and is a shop worker himself. She said that there were only two of "these" (here the informant indicated that she wrote on the blackboard) and he is the other one. He is personally contacted but "we" have one of our leading people working with him and they know him for 20 or 25 years, so it is a good combination.

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PHIL BART then stated that "he" (not further identified) had brought them together. HELEN then said, "PHIL; we've had this for a long, long, long time but the thing that gives a lift is when we put 'him' in there to help, and incidentally, he was one of the guys that was completely disconnected for three and a half years from everything, including any kind of leading committee or anything."

An unidentified man then remarked that it seemed that HELEN believed in small units.

HELEN then stated that they were now heading in the direction of Congressional District Organization. She further stated that their council was a city-wide business so that what they had in effect was a Congressional District which they considered to be the basic unit as far as electoral political action work was concerned.

Concerning commissions, HELEN said that they had but one and that was the Organizational Commission, with the exception of the leading Political Committees. She said that she was discouraging anything else until they got the organization all set up. She said that if they put people on committees they had no time to reach the membership.

She then stated that she was glad that JOE (believed

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to refer to the previous speaker from Philadelphia) had raised the matter of full timers because they had very few. She said that she was not counting herself because she was not a "whole person" nor was she counting the full time editor and reporter who was a talented, competent man who played a good, positive role in the organization.

At this point, according to the informant, an unidentified man (possibly JOE from Philadelphia previously mentioned) took up the conversation and stated that on the regional structure they had no structure beyond the secretary and chairman of the regional level but the operation of press, education, literature and all started at a sectional level and "this" simply was a means of coordinating politically. He advised that at first they had thought of merely having a chairman without a secretary but had decided that it was too much work for one person.

At this point, another unidentified man asked whether or not he did not have the problem of a community party and an industrial party with a big gap between the two in terms of day to day functioning. The first man answered that this was true as far as the city was concerned but they had a blended party out of town. He said that in the city, the shops were almost completely within the jurisdiction of the industrial region. He said that they were trying to get certain community organizations to be responsible for concentration in the sense of handling leaflets, publications and other like instruments. He said that the industrial region had representation on every commission and, he noted that they did not move in on commissions until they had the rest of their structure settled. He said that the main leadership of the industrial region was integrated in the political leadership on every level in the Party organization, the district committee, the city committee, and all of the main commissions. He said that a region at the present time was a Congressional District and they were trying to use the term Regional Chairman and Regional Secretary in place of Regional Organizer.

He said that the section leadership was made up of all of the club organizers and the organizational secretaries.

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He advised that their next step would be an examination of the sections.

According to the informant, HELEN then resumed speaking and stated that there had been a meeting a few months previously at which they decided to change the whole system. She said the last discussion had increased the dues or, at least, some categories were increased and others were decreased but as a result of several arguments and differences of opinion, it had been decided that they forget about the matter until next year. She pointed out that when you got above "one and a quarter" it became a terrific problem. She said that \$40 to \$50 a week earnings called for "one and a quarter" and that represented high dues because, with the cost of living being extremely high, it was difficult to live on \$46 a week and yet, when you got to \$80, you doubled the dues. She stated that there had been all kinds of complaints.

She said, "Maybe here, you don't have such large families." She then added that "he" stated that the dues could not be decreased so they had raised the question of a change of the very complicated dues schedule and they were trying to change it to eliminate one category. As far as she was concerned, she said it actually made it more complicated.

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An unidentified man then spoke up and complained that they were going beyond the scope of the discussion and HELEN said, "But Dorothy (possibly referred to [redacted]) raised the question and I was just telling her about that discussion we had three months ago where the whole thing was put off until next year, and I hope when it is discussed, a few people outside of New York will be consulted on it because I think we have some real problems."

PHIL BART then took the floor and stated that they had not called this particular meeting for a discussion but because they thought that with everybody coming in they ought to have an exchange of opinions. He said that in the beginning of the next year they would need a national conference because the meeting of the previous Spring had not accomplished what they set out to do which had been to debate the different concepts of organization.



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Continuing, BART stated that nationally, they now had a commission which was making a special study of left groupings, left Socialist groupings, and had selected three specifically:

"the American Socialist"  
"Monthly Review"  
"National Guardian"

He said that the first preliminary documents of the commission had been sent out to the districts last week and consisted of a rough study and examination of these publications and their influence through the country as well as the Party's relation to them. He pointed out that there were some problems in Illinois, Michigan, and New York. He said that, "Here in New York they just went through last Monday (presumably 11/28/55), a united front meeting on these three plus Stone's Weekly." BART said that [redacted] (believed to be [redacted]) from the Guardian had been chairman of the meeting and [redacted] (believed to be [redacted]) from the American Socialist had spoken as well as [redacted]. BART stated that he understood that there had been about 400 people present.

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BART said that these outfits had been active in certain circles in New York specifically among the left. He said that there was a need to attack this problem and to determine "What is our relationship with the growing left in this country and as it is reflected in the labor movement and shops." He said that he had been told that readers of "The Worker" had been visited by the "American Socialists". At this point, BART closed the meeting.

In the event that it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

# ESTIMATED COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP

As of December 31, 1955

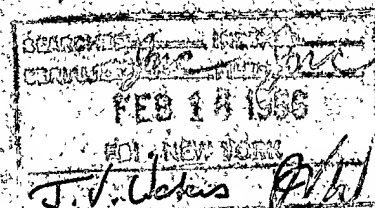
The following figures are set out according to states and territories, field divisions and Communist Party districts:

## MEMBERSHIP IN STATES & TERRITORIES

Alabama	16	Massachusetts	479	S. Carolina	5
Arizona	25	Michigan	160	S. Dakota	2
Arkansas	2	Minnesota	178	Tennessee	11
California	3,022	Mississippi	0	Texas	98
Colorado	74	Missouri	135	Utah	37
Connecticut	246	Montana	41	Vermont	15
Delaware	14	Nebraska	6	Virginia	34
District of Columbia	156	Nevada	7	Washington	328
Florida	48	New Hampshire	15	W. Virginia	27
Georgia	11	New Jersey	766	Wisconsin	260
Idaho	30	New Mexico	21	Wyoming	1
Illinois	1,079	New York	11,000		
Indiana	167	N. Carolina	52	<u>Territories</u>	
Iowa	6	N. Dakota	7	Alaska	0
Kansas	7	Ohio	577	Hawaii	12
Kentucky	11	Oklahoma	21	Puerto Rico	37
Louisiana	35	Oregon	75		
Maine	17	Pennsylvania	778		
Maryland	100	Rhode Island	39		
				Total	20,289

## MEMBERSHIP IN FIELD DIVISIONS

Albany	183	Houston	42	Omaha	12
Albuquerque	21	Indianapolis	167	Philadelphia	558
Anchorage	0	Kansas City	22	Phoenix	25
Atlanta	10	Knoxville	5	Pittsburgh	247
Baltimore	114	Little Rock	2	Portland	75
Birmingham	7	Los Angeles	2,014	Richmond	17
Boston	550	Louisville	11	St. Louis	110
Buffalo	206	Memphis	6	Salt Lake City	44
Butte	71	Miami	43	San Antonio	18
Charlotte	55	Milwaukee	260	San Diego	63
Chicago	1,030	Minneapolis	187	San Francisco	945
Cincinnati	71	Mobile	9	San Juan	37
Cleveland	506	Newark	766	Savannah	4
Dallas	30	New Haven	246	Seattle	328
Denver	75	New Orleans	35	Springfield	49
Detroit	160	New York	10,626	WFO	156
El Paso	6	Norfolk	17		
Honolulu, T.H.	12	Oklahoma City	21	Total	20,289



# DISTRICTS

<u>Total</u>		<u>States included in Districts</u>	
District 1	555	Maine	17
		New Hampshire	15
		Massachusetts	479
		Vermont	15
		Rhode Island	39
District 2	11,000	New York	11,000
District 3	572	East. Pennsylvania	550
		Delaware	22
District 4	256	Maryland	100
		Dist. of Columbia	156
District 5	220	West. Pennsylvania	220
District 6	590	Ohio	577
		Kentucky	11
		Four Panhandle	2
		Counties in W. Virginia	
District 7	160	Michigan	160
District 8	1,160	Illinois	1,079
		Indiana	81
		(Lake Co.)	
District 9	187	Minnesota	178
		N. Dakota	7
		S. Dakota	2
District 10	86	Indiana	86
District 11	75	Oregon	75
District 12	328	Washington	328
		Alaska	0
District 13	3,066	California	3,022
		Arizona	25
		Nevada	7
		Hawaii	12

It is noted that some states are covered by more than one CP District; therefore, a total compilation for the individual states is also being included in this memorandum.

# DISTRICTS (cont.)

District 14	766	New Jersey	766
District 15	246	Connecticut	246
District 18	250	Wisconsin	250
District 19	102	Colorado	74
		New Mexico	21
		Wyoming	1
		El Paso area of Texas	6
District 21	135	Missouri	135
District 22	25	West Virginia (less the four "Panhandle" Counties)	25
District 23	90	Texas except El Paso area	90
District 24	35	Louisiana	35
District 25	48	Florida	48
District 26	34	Virginia	34
District 27	27	Alabama	16
		Mississippi	0
		Tennessee	11
District 28	23	Oklahoma	21
		Arkansas	2
District 29	58	N. Carolina	53
		S. Carolina	5
District 30	71	Montana	41
		Idaho	30
District 31	11	Georgia	11
District 32	19	Nebraska	6
		Iowa	6
		Kansas	7
District 35	37	Utah	37

TERRITORIES

Alaska*	0	0
Hawaii**	12	12
Puerto Rico	37	37
	<u>20,289</u>	<u>20,289</u>

\* This figure is also computed in District 12.

\*\* This figure is also computed in District 13.

NOTE:

Districts Number 16, 17, 20, 33 and 34 have been previously reorganized and combined with other districts.



# COMPARATIVE ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP FIGURES BY FIELD DIVISION

	<u>3/31/55</u>	<u>6/30/55</u>	<u>9/30/55</u>	<u>12/31/55</u>
Albany	191	184	184	183
Albuquerque	21	23	23	21
Anchorage	7	7	1	0
Atlanta	15	12	12	10
Baltimore	120	118	118	114
Birmingham	28	11	11	7
Boston	529	533	541	550
Buffalo	201	201	206	206
Butte	74	72	69	71
Charlotte	58	57	62	55
Chicago	953	1,044	1,030	1,030
Cincinnati	83	73	70	71
Cleveland	609	506	506	506
Dallas	47	36	29	30
Denver	104	98	96	75*
Detroit	300	300	160	160
El Paso	6	6	6	6
Honolulu, T.H.	12	12	12	12
Houston	72	60	51	42
Indianapolis	183	159	148	167
Kansas City	45	32	32	32
Knoxville	5	5	5	5
Little Rock	12	3	4	2
Los Angeles	2,010	1,825	1,825	2,014*
Louisville	22	8	12	11
Memphis	8	6	6	6
Miami	65	58	58	48
Milwaukee	280	270	265	260
Minneapolis	231	201	180	187
Mobile	10	10	10	9
Newark	825	825	840	766*
New Haven	320	363	281	246
New Orleans	35	36	38	35
New York	11,123	11,130	11,125	10,626*
Norfolk	17	17	17	17
Oklahoma City	46	24	24	21
Omaha	40	11	12	12
Philadelphia	574	574	539	558
Phoenix	39	25	25	25
Pittsburgh	306	247	247	247
Portland	110	110	110	75*
Richmond	20	18	18	17
St. Louis	144	132	133	110
Salt Lake City	56	46	50	44
San Antonio	23	19	16	18

COMPARATIVE ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP FIGURES BY FIELD DIVISION (cont.)

	<u>2/31/55</u>	<u>6/30/55</u>	<u>9/30/55</u>	<u>12/31/55</u>
San Diego	139	154	150	63*
San Francisco	1,092	953	953	945
San Juan	62	62	36	37
Savannah	5	3	3	4
Seattle	400	400	301	328
Springfield	50	55	54	49
WFO	<u>167</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>156</u>
Totals	21,894	21,301	20,862	20,289

\* This indicates significant fluctuation in membership.



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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: February 15, 1956

FROM : Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

There are being furnished herewith two copies of a chart showing the estimated Communist Party membership as of December 31, 1955, by states and territories, by field divisions and Communist Party districts, as well as comparative estimated membership figures by field divisions for the past four quarterly periods.

This data is being furnished for the information of the New York Office and should not be incorporated in any reports prepared by the New York Office.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Supervisor James Martin (12-16) DATE: Feb. 8, 1956  
FROM : SA William J. Roemer  
SUBJECT: CP membership data ✓

Review of case file 100-119442

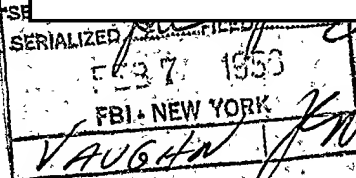
entitled [redacted] was - S M - C  
is being undertaken to determine whether  
this subject is a logical individual on  
whom intensification of effort would  
possibly lead to membership data in the  
Upper West Side Region. This review  
was requested by the Coordinator of that  
Region.

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Review of the file on [redacted] on  
Feb. 7, 1956 reflected that on 10/29/55, a  
telephone conversation between Isidore Gibby  
Needleman and [redacted] indicated  
that [redacted] planned to attend a "party",  
the address of which was [redacted]  
Apt. 5G. This is the address of [redacted]  
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Needleman told [ ] that he was going to another party, but would prefer to go to the one at [ ].

In view of Hilby Needleman's known and extensive use of code language, it is felt that the "party" he referred to could possibly be a CP meeting.

[ ] served on the N.Y. State Review Commission of the CP from 1940-1945.

It is recommended that the investigation of [ ] be intensified with a view toward obtaining additional CP membership data. b6  
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The writer has also recommended to the Coordinator file #100-85536 entitled [ ] was. SM-C, for the same purpose.

In addition file #100-115272 entitled [ ] was. SM-C is being recommended for this purpose and also for consideration of an interview of the subject for PSI purposes. [ ] was financial secretary of the Washington Heights Region of CP in March 1954 and an associate of [ ].

SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C41) (20-13)

JAN 21 1956

SA RICHARD H. BLASSER

CP, USA  
DISTRICT #2, NEW YORK DIVISION  
(Queens County CP)  
IS-C

Source:  
Reliability:

[REDACTED]  
This informant has furnished reliable information in the past and his identity must be concealed by a T symbol.

Description of  
Activity:  
Received:  
Location:

Copies of 15 CP registrations of unknown CP members

1/19/56

NY 100-26603 exhibit #- 1A6532

On 1/19/56, [REDACTED] furnished to SA RICHARD H. BLASSER copies of 15 current CP registrations that he made from the original for CP members from the Jamaica, Rockaway East, Queens CP Section.

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Informant advised the originals were turned over to [REDACTED] of the Queens County CP.

Informant advised he does not know the identity of any of the individuals registered. The names of the individuals registered does not appear on the CP registration slip.

If any of the foregoing information is used in a report or disseminated outside of the Bureau, it must be paraphrased to protect the identity of this informant.

- 1- [REDACTED]  
1-NY (100-80638) (membership) (12-14)  
1-NY (100-26603-31759) (Rockaway Section) (20-13)  
1-NY (100-26603-31846) (East Queens Section) (20-13)  
1-NY (100-26603-3355) (Jamaica Section) (20-13)  
1-NY (100-77529) [REDACTED] (20-13)  
1-NY (100-26603-C41) (20-13)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603)

SUBJECT: CP, USA  
DISTRICT NUMBER 2  
IS-C

DATE: 2/13/56

Re NY airtel, 12/22/55, as captioned above.

[REDACTED] NYC,

6-Bureau

- (1-100-3-89 (CP, USA, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
- (1-100-3-72 (CP, USA, POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
- (1-100-3-94 (CP, USA, UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS)
- (1-100-3-75 (CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION)

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- (1-NY 100-4931 (CP, USA) (12-14)
- (1-NY 100-96985 (CP, USA UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS) (19)
- (1-NY 100-89590 (CP, USA, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (12-14)
- (1-NY 100-79717 (CP, USA, POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
- (1-NY 100-29687 (INT. FUR AND LEATHER WORKERS UNION) (7-2)
- (1-NY 100-80640 (CP, USA NEGRO QUESTION) (12-14)
- (1-NY 100-31019 (COMINFIL OF LABOR UNIONS) (7-1)
- (1-NY 100-7629 ( COMINFIL OF NAACP)
- (1-NY 100-80638 (CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP)
- (1-NY 100-82169 (ABE FEINGLASS) (7-5)
- (1-NY 100-14541 (BEN GOLD) (12-14)
- (1-NY 100-50806 (GEORGE B. CHARNEY) (7-5)
- (1-NY 100-51955 [REDACTED] (19)
- (1-NY 100-79967 [REDACTED] 19)
- (1-NY 100-89862 [REDACTED] (12-14)
- (1-NY 100-22066 (BERNARD FRIEDLAND) (12-10)

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Letter to Director

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identity  
(whose is to be protected) advised SAS [redacted]  
and EDWARD J. GALLAGHER on 11/23/55, that an organization  
calling itself the "East Side Circle Club" had met at  
that address on twelve different occasions from 1/5/55  
to 9/27/55. He said that meetings of this group had  
been held in Room 202 at the aforementioned address  
on 10/12,26/55, and 11/9,23/55.

On 11/23/55, [redacted] identified a photograph  
of [redacted] as the person who paid him the rental  
for the rooms used by this organization on the afore-  
mentioned dates. (On 3/3/55, [redacted] was identified  
by CG 5824-S as the open Party secretary of the  
NY State CP).

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NY 1317-S\*, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, advised on 10/21/55, that  
among items in the NY State CP Headquarters was a  
petty cash receipt for \$15.00, dated 10/12/55, made  
out to "East Side Circle Club" and initialed [redacted]  
[redacted]

On 10/12,26/55 and 11/9,23/55, NY 1622-S\*  
advised that meetings of the NY State CP Board were  
held on these dates in Room 202, at the National  
Theater Building, 111 East Houston Street, NYC.

On 12/21/55, SAS of the FBI observed the  
following individuals either entering or leaving  
111 East Houston Street, NYC:

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1-NY 100-24448 (LILLIAN GATES) (7-6)  
1-NY 100-18677 [redacted] (19)  
1-NY 100-27149 [redacted] (19)  
1-NY 100-63755 [redacted] (12-11)  
1-NY 100-23290 [redacted] (7-6)  
1-NY 100-85283 [redacted]

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GEORGE B. CHARNEY

BERNARD FRIEDLAND  
LILLIAN GATES

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NY 1622-S\* obtained the following information concerning the meeting of the NY State CP Board held in Room 202, at the National Theater Building, 111 East Houston Street, NYC, from approximately 10:30 A.M. to 5:35 P.M., on 12/21/55:

[redacted] was appointed chairman of the meeting and announced that the topics for discussion would be the evaluation of the "Fur Merger" (merger between the International Fur and Leather Workers Union and the Amalgamated Meat Cutters/<sup>and</sup> Butcher Workmen of North America, AFL), civil rights mobilization and unification of progressive forces with the CP. AL declared that the fur merger opened in the summer of 1954 at a time when "Mc Carthyism and Red-baiting were on the rampage" and "left led" unions were under attack. He said the fur union was under strongest attack in the state of Mass. and that these attacks "disturbed left and right wing agreements in the union. He stated that the "united front idea gave way to disharmony" and led, in the leather union, to the resignation of BEN GOLD. The right trend of the union resulted in decisions to drop BEN GOLD, introduce a clause (in the union constitution) excluding Communists from the union, change the general executive board to eliminate left wingers, and turn the leadership of

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BEN GOLD over to the right wing. [ ] said, however, that through conversations they were able to convince the "right", to modify most of these decisions, and although they could not get BEN GOLD back, they did get ABE FEINGLASS. [ ] said that merger discussions had been taking place informally for some time and that the latest trend has been to remove the conditions impeding unity and to have merger at all costs.

[ ] said, that after the Fur Workers Convention in January, 1955, approved the merger, new problems began to appear. The CIO set up a Fur Workers Committee to break away workers from the Butchers Union.

[ ] said that FEINGLASS formed a group of "right and center forces" and part of the "left forces" that he was able to control. However, the left group put forth a united slate, a left-center grouping, which is now in control of the union. He said the left group has been highly trained and can make itself felt on all major issues. He said they were able to develop a good relationship toward Israel and not against the Soviet, even though the right forces wished to denounce the Soviets action regarding Israel and Egypt.

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[ ] said the concessions made by the left in the merger were necessary as the left unions cannot stand alone, but must return to the main stream of unionism. He said the only way the left can exist is in coalition with the left-center.

[ ] then spoke on civil rights mobilization. He stated that the Negro's right to vote will be one of the main issues in the 1956 elections. He referred to the tremendous impact



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that the sharp conflicts in Mississippi between the Dixiecrat leaders and the Negro masses, have had on the mobilization of the Negro people in the North and the South. [ ] spoke of demands for federal intervention in Mississippi, for the firing of (Attorney General) BROWNELL, for FBI investigation of Mississippi murders, and for the non-seating of southern congressmen who favor a program of oppressing the Negro. He said these demands have to be made to counteract the activities of the white citizens councils in the South.

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[ ] pointed out that the Negro people have developed a great deal of unity from this oppression in the South, and stated "we want to achieve a mass march on Washington to demand legal rights for Negroes in the South and force the federal government to act." He said the NAACP National Leadership at the present moment is trying to prevent a mass march on Washington, however, certain leaders are in favor of the march and should be supported. [ ] said the CP should project the idea that the administration and the Department of Justice are trying to prevent a mass march on Washington, and should attempt to get the labor movement to develop pressure to foster this march. He said the Negro members and Jewish groups should be encouraged to back this mass march, and if necessary, the call must be made by labor groups to force support by the NAACP.

[ ] mentioned that a mass rally will be held on 1/27/56, at the "Regimental Armory" to celebrate the "Emancipation Proclamation" and that the Party should support this rally. He said the CP should encourage other left groups to call rallies of Negroes on Civil Rights and should attempt to have them held in white communities. [ ] stated that the Civil Rights issue should be used to reactivate old Negro members in the Party and to recruit new ones.

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"GEORGE" (B. CHARNEY) then spoke on the need for the unification of progressives, left forces, and the Party itself. He discussed the CP's attitude toward those socialist groups who have stated they are anti-Communist, and declared the Party should unite with these groups in fighting the Smith Act, and on issues such as the "Till Case", and the treatment of Negroes in Mississippi. He said the CP and the Socialists should get together to discuss their common objectives and stated that this combination could lead the American people to Socialism. He pointed out that this type of thing has happened in Cuba and Poland, and may take place in Italy.

Following the talk by "GEORGE" a general discussion took place.

"LIL" (GATES) said that in the past, the Party had made too definite a break with Socialism and that now a sensible approach to this matter should be worked out. She stated that to unify the left there must be coalition with all forces.

An individual (not identified) remarked that the CP now has "twenty thousand members in the United States" and that the prestige and authority of the Party must be re-established.

At the conclusion of the meeting it was announced that the next board meeting would be Wednesday, January 4.

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..... UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/17/56

From : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603)

Subject: CP, USA, District No. 2  
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Re NY Airtel 1/5/56, as captioned above.

[redacted] NYC, (whose identity is to be protected), advised SAs [redacted] and EDWARD J. GALLAGHER on 11/23/55, that an organization calling itself the "East Side Circle Club" had met at this address on 12 different occasions from 1/5/55, to 9/27/55. He also said that this group held their meetings in Room 202, at the above mentioned address on 10/12, 26/55, and on 11/9, 23/55.

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1-100-3-72 ( CP, USA, Political Activities)

1-100-3-94 ( CP, USA, Underground Operations)

1-100-3-68 ( CP, USA, Membership)

1-New York (100-4931) ( CP, USA) (12-14)

1-New York (100-96985) ( CP, USA, Underground Operations) (19)

1-New York (100-79717) ( CP, USA, Political Activities) (12-14)

1-New York (100-80638) ( CP, USA, Membership) (12-14)

1-New York (100-51820) ( Jefferson School of Social Sciences) (7-2)

1-New York (100-80640) ( CP, USA, Negro Question) (12-14)

1-New York (100-74560) ( CP, USA, Funds) (19)

1-New York (100-79967) ( [redacted] ) (19)

1-New York (100-22066) ( BERNARD FRIEDLAND ) (12-10)

1-New York (100-81762) ( [redacted] ) (7-6)

1-New York (100-81710) ( [redacted] ) (20-13)

1-New York (100-41319) ( [redacted] ) (19)

1-New York (100-27149) ( [redacted] )

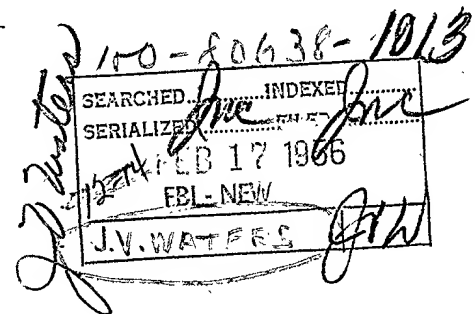
1-New York (100-18677) ( [redacted] )

1-New York (100-52959) ( [redacted] )

1-New York (100-26603)

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On 11/23/55, [ ] identified a photograph of [ ] as the person who paid him for rental of the rooms occupied by this organization on the dates indicated above. (On 3/3/55, [ ] was identified by CG 5824-S, as the Open Party Secretary of the New York State CP).

NY 1317-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 10/21/55, that among items in the NY State CP Headquarters was a petty cash receipt for \$15 dated 10/12/55 made out to "East Side Circle Club", and initialed "L.N." (LEON NELSON).

On 10/12, 25/55, and 11/9, 23/55, NY 1622-S\* advised that meetings of the NY State CP Board were held on these dates at room 202 of the National Theatre Building, 111 E. Houston Street, NYC.

On 1/4/56, SAS of the FBI observed the following individuals either entering or leaving 111 E. Houston Street:

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BERNARD FRIEDLAND, [ ]

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1-New York (100-44781) [ ] (7-6)  
1-New York (100-63755) [ ] (20-11)  
1-New York (100-23290) [ ] (7-6)  
1-New York (100-13558) [ ] (12-11)  
1-New York (100-13473) (SIMON W. G. RSON) (12-14)  
1-New York (100-51955) [ ] (12-14)

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NY 1622-S\* obtained the following information concerning a meeting of the New York State CP Board held in room 202 at 111 E. Houston St., NYC from approximately 10:05 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on 1/4/56. The informant did not identify the individual speakers at this meeting.

The first speaker reported on a recommendation by the "staff" concerning the temporary release of "Si", (SIMON W. GERSON) to handle a campaign undertaken by the National Committee (CP) in view of the Supreme Court decision to review the California and Pittsburgh Smith Act Cases. According to the report, it was anticipated that the campaign would take four to five months and, in the judgment of the National Secretariat and the Staff, would require the assignment of top Comrades.

According to the speaker, an outline of the program had been worked out along the following three main lines:

1. Continuation of the amnesty movement,
2. Introduction of legislation for the repeal of the Smith Act or a review of the "thought control" aspect.
3. Presentation of the Constitutional questions involved in the Smith Act Cases.

The assignment of "Si" (SIMON W. GERSON), to direct the campaign was unanimously approved by the CP, New York State Board.

The next individual spoke on the current status of the 1955-56 CP Registration. He pointed out that this was a two year registration because the party had had no registration last year due to the passage of the

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anti-Communist control law. He stated that membership had decreased by about two-thirds since 1948, and that there was no such thing as a hard core in the Party. The last registration of the Party, according to the speaker was completed in May, 1954, at which time 91% of the Party was registered.

In opening the current registration, the speaker stated they were able to present to the Party organization the possibility of moving out into mass activity. He said there was a new atmosphere of confidence in the Party Organization and that national leaders coming out of jail were rejoining the leadership.

The speaker stated that 75% of the statewide registration was complete and he gave the following percentages of registration:

Manhattan	84%
Brooklyn	78%
Bronx	75%
Westchester	53%
Queens	82%
Upstate	71%

A general estimate was made that registration for four counties (Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, Bronx) would be in the low 90%.

The speaker indicated that Negro registration on the whole holds up to, and in some instances, above average, but that Negro membership was the lowest in years, and the Party must struggle to raise it. A somewhat similar reduction, according to the speaker, occurred in Puerto Rican membership.

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Industrial registration, he said, was above average however, there were a few spots where there will be a loss of 10 to 15% of the members, and there are some areas where registration is below average.

The speaker suggested that they put together a "Negro force" including some white Comrades, and move into areas in the city - in Harlem, the Bronx, and Brooklyn. The same thing was proposed for the Puerto Rican areas.

As a means of increasing registration, the speaker proposed that the Party assign every Comrade in State leadership to work with the section organizers and visit members.

The speaker mentioned there would be two weekend city-wide mobilizations - on January 21 and 22, and January 28, and 29, during which they will try to register 500 to 700 additional Comrades.

A remark was made that the upper West Side had registered 211 out of 263 people.

It was stated that in connection with registration an attempt should be made simultaneously to strengthen the Party organization itself - to review leadership, and strengthen sections, committees, and clubs. It was pointed out that three types of people can be brought back. 1. Those who have always registered and consider themselves part of the organization, but who are apart from it and have not been contacted lately - "hundreds of them." 2. People with greater confidence in the political situation who can be brought back. 3. People who have basic loyalty but who have differences with the Party. In this respect, the speaker remarked that [redacted] saw a former president of an international union who has differences with the Party but who greeted [redacted] and was anxious to be active in civil liberties.

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The speaker then remarked that an analysis of the average dues payments for the first nine months of 1955, based on May, 1954, registration figures, indicated only 50% dues payments for three counties (Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens) and 70% for Manhattan, despite a registration of 75% to 80%.

The speaker then stated that hundreds who have moved and were not transferred, will have to be traced and visited if complete registration is to be accomplished. The Party is aiming for 90% of statewide registration by the first week in February, and from then on there will be a continuous examination of the situation until registration runs into the high 90%.

The speaker then discussed the Jefferson School of Social Sciences. He said there has been a continuing decline in attendance in the last five years and that the fall registration in 1955 was 1,173 as compared to a registration of 1,381 in fall of 1954. He announced that the objective is 1,500 students for the winter term at the JSSS but stated that he does not think the Party must be or can be turned upside down in order to get students for the Jefferson School.

According to the speaker, the Jefferson School is concentrating on youth, Negro, and trade union matters. He said the labor and political sections will make a special effort to secure a large number of students in the Science of Society course. He described this as a beginners course, suitable for many people who can stand a refresher course; as well as for new people who have come into the movement in the past four or five years.



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The speaker remarked that the bottom has just about dropped out of one of the fields in the curriculum. For the past year and a half, the courses on the national and Negro questions practically had to be liquidated. We said that whereas two years ago there were six courses on the Negro question alone, last term they had difficulty getting attendance at one course on the Negro question.

The speaker then declared that to achieve registration goals would require cooperation of the entire Party leadership. We proposed the following program:

1. The subject of the Jefferson School should be raised at State Board meetings.
2. Jefferson School should be discussed with county organizers.
3. The Jefferson School should be publicized in the "Daily Worker" for the next two weeks - there should be public urging for attendance.
4. Every county board should not have to battle regional organizers to get the Jefferson School on the agenda.
5. The period of registration should be utilized to raise the question of the Jefferson School - reattached members would benefit from a course on the outlook for 1956. The Jefferson School should not be considered a separate campaign.
6. The Jefferson School should receive support at all public meetings including the "Daily Worker" anniversary meeting - there should be tables for registration.

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7. There should be a tie-in between the Jefferson School registration and the "Daily Worker" press drive- possibly a joint subscription to the "Daily Worker" and a scholarship to the Jefferson School.

At the conclusion of the meeting the speaker announced that they would meet "next Wednesday at the Jefferson School- no longer her.

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On 2/21/56, [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past, orally reported to SA [redacted] that the meeting scheduled for the week end beginning 3/2/56 will be a city-wide recruiting meeting to be held 3/3/56 at 3538 North Gratz Street, PH, to which will be invited friends of the CP and former CP members who have become inactive in recent years. WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD is arranging for potential recruits from the West Philadelphia area to attend this meeting and THOMAS NABRIED is doing the same for potential recruits from the 4th CD area. LOUIS BURNHAM will be the principal speaker.

CRAWFORD is a CP member and staff writer for the "Pennsylvania Edition - The Worker." NABRIED is Regional Organizer, 4th CD Region, CP, EPD, and a convicted PH Smith Act defendant.

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- 1 - PH 100-32208  
1 - PH 100-1502-1607 (2ND CD REGION, CP, EPD)  
1 - PH 100-1502-1955 (4TH CD REGION, CP, EPD)  
1 - PH 100-34061 (WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD)  
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IDENTITY OF INFORMANT:  
RELIABILITY:

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Who has furnished  
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in the past.  
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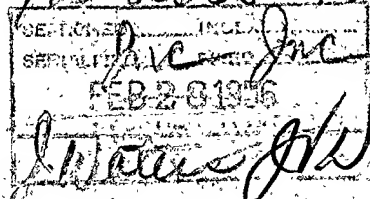
NY 1474-S\* advised that on 1/3/56, [redacted] was in conversation, at NY State CP Headquarters, with [redacted] (believed to be [redacted]). He discussed assignments and re-assignments and stated that within the coming month or six weeks, as a result of the return of many national comrades, there would be a period of "re-shuffling".

[redacted] complained that in connection with his assignment, the comrades were supposed to furnish the names of people he could contact but had failed to do so. He said, "I don't see anybody, in any country, and I don't care who it is, who can't draw up a list of 25 guys who they think are potential, that will discuss with you."

As another example, [redacted] said, "I spoke to [redacted] (believed to be [redacted]) [redacted] - Committee, you know all the Spanish Organizers. Not one man at the meeting and there were 18 Spanish Organizers. Not one man! They come up with one name. He was interested four years ago because he was down in the Gyps. Since then he became an apprentice painter and now he doesn't want to go out. That's all I could find. I spoke at Hank's (believed to be HANK LOPATA) meeting. Hank has a lot of people. We went through all the names and came up with a handful."

- 1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA ORGANIZATION) (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-83755 [redacted] (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-81762 [redacted] (#19)
- 1 - NY 101-22603 Sub C40 (BRONX COUNTY CP) (#20-10)
- 1 - NY 100-82603 [redacted] (#20-10)
- 1 - NY 100-83203 [redacted] (#20-10)
- 1 - NY 100-819 (BOB APPEL) (#20-10)
- 1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP) (#12-14)

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[redacted] then told [redacted] that he wanted to discuss the matter with the other fellows at headquarters to see if they could arrange a morning meeting which [redacted] could attend because [redacted] was working nights. [redacted] mentioned a State Staff Meeting on Friday (presumably 2/3/56) at which they might be able to arrange time for [redacted] because they were hindering him and up to the present were not giving him the best opportunity for leadership and were not making any progress themselves.

[redacted] also said that they had had a full round of discussion on Party registration the previous Saturday (12/31/55) and were planning to have it again at the coming State Board Meeting on the next day (1/4/56). He asked [redacted] if there was any chance that he could make that meeting which would be held at the National Theatre on Houston Street and 2nd Avenue at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

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[redacted] said that a proposal had been made that everyone at headquarters and in fact everyone starting from the State Organization and then on through the counties do the same thing, which would be to step in on the sections and help on registration. He said that it was proposed that they assign each one of them to different areas and they could help out where they were needed most. [redacted] stated that [redacted] could be used as many nights, as many days as he could give to this particular problem. He said that they planned to have BOB (believed to be BOB APPEL) contact [redacted] and then he would furnish him with a "list full of names" that he could contact.

[redacted] mentioned that he was interested in becoming the Section Organizer of a particular section (not further identified) because that was the kind of work he was doing at the present time.

With [redacted] agreeing to meet with them the following morning to discuss his problem, they ended the discussion.

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603 Sub C40) DATE: 2/27/56  
(12-10)  
FROM: SA JAMES E. NEILLY  
SUBJECT: BLONX COUNTY CP

Identity of Informant: NY 1474-S\*  
Reliability: Who has furnished  
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Date: 12/12/55

NY 1474-S\* advised that on 12/12/55, [ ]  
[ ] at NY State CP Headquarters, was apparently  
discussing the re-activation of certain types of members  
in connection with the Party's registration campaign.

He discussed an individual, (believed to be  
ISIDORE BEGUN) in the Bronx, whom he said had a wonderful  
reputation among the comrades. [ ] said that the man  
was no longer young and was working at a job, though at  
one time he had been in a full leadership capacity. [ ]  
stated that they had asked the man to come back to the  
Party and he had replied that he had been expecting such  
a request and that he considered the leadership to be  
cowardly and lacking honesty.

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According to [ ] the man had been removed  
from the Bronx for White Chauvinism and had said that the  
other comrades lied and quoted LENIN and others against  
him. [ ] said, "I know that this guy has a log  
to stand on. In fact, I was told an example was made of  
him. This guy said, 'what's this business about peaceful  
transition to socialism? There's no works of LENIN and  
MARX which includes this.' So he said, 'I'll just keep  
doing what I have done and if you would like for me to  
attend a board meeting, I'll come. If you would like me  
to speak at some meeting, I'll do that; but no more than  
that. I don't want to be identified with the leadership.  
I don't want to be responsible for a line I don't agree  
with.'" According to [ ] the man had stated that he  
was in agreement with the draft resolution and the draft  
program, but that if the line stemmed from the proposition  
of peaceful transition to socialism, in time they were  
going to founder.

[ ] then gave more background concerning  
the man and stated that he had gotten into more and more  
difficulties. He said there was an instance when some  
"professionals" had raised about \$7,000 for bail. Being  
unwilling to place it under their own names, they had had  
the Section Organizer of the Professional Section [ ]  
the cash to IZZY, (believed to be ISIDORE BEGUN) and asked  
1- NY (100-63755) [ ] (12-14)

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him to take out a ChC bond and IZZY had done so.

According to [ ] when the money, or at least 50% of it, was returned to the lawyer who processed the case, he in turn had given it to the SO of the Professional Section. [ ] then said that "this guy" (IZZY) had stated that his reputation was at stake and he did not believe that the money had gone back to the people who had given it. He had engaged a lawyer, [ ], [ ] lady-friend, a big timer in the Party, to write MILTON FRIEDMAN, who was the other attorney, a letter which stated that her client would take legal steps if he did not get his money back. MILTON had criticized [ ] for taking such a case and for sending such a letter through the mail and she became very angry. As a result, [ ] said that GEORGE BLAKE and himself had decided to contact the man (IZZY) to show him that the money had been returned honestly.

[ ] stated that he had gone to see him and had endured a tirade of abuse for about three-quarters of an hour.

[ ] said, "he called me filthy names. He didn't start up with GEORGE; I was the only guy that was there; but he says, 'you're a nice fellow, you're a young comrade, you'll see, you'll find out the whole leadership is crooked.' He first started up with SI, (believed to refer to SIMON GELSCN,) he bumped into him. He called SI names. Anyhow, we agreed with him that the SO would take him to every single person and let him ask, 'did you get your money back?' So he did that. We told him, 'Look IZZY, we don't want to make this a point against you goin to see these people, but people are going to question .....'"

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1- NY (100-4119) (ISIDORE BEGUN) (20-10)  
1- NY (100-85051) (MILTON FRIEDMAN) (20-9)  
1- NY (100-109536) [ ] (20-11)  
1- NY (100-18673) [ ] (#19)  
1- NY (100-50806) (GEO. BLAKE CHAFFNEY) (7-5)  
1- NY (100-13473) (SIMON GELSCN) (2-14)  
1- NY (100-57767) [ ] (20-10)  
1- NY (100-7413) [ ] (#19)  
1- NY (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (7-5)  
1- NY (100-92763) (PETTIS PERLEY) (7-5)

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[ ] said the man proceeded to contact these people and as a result they thought he was cracking up. He finally agreed that the money was given back and signed a waiver but began arguing with the lawyer claiming that the fee was 40% and was too much. Other people ascertained that it was only 20%. At this point, [ ] remarked that the Party could not tell the lawyer he was charging too much because they could not tell professional comrades what to charge for professional services.

Continuing, [ ] said that the man was a sick man and had once broken down and cried to [ ] that the whole difficulty had started with his removal. He said that after that, everything was clouded with suspicion and he was not considered worth listening to. When he had been arrested, although he was part of the whole team, he was not even considered a comrade with them and the little Committee which was laying out the line and policy for the trial, did not even report conclusions to him.

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[ ] then remarked that the man's wife, (believed to be [ ] was a very capable person and had been active with the ROSENBERG Committee. He said she had done a fine job and they had had her teaching classes and in charge of the Party's school program in the Bronx. [ ] said that although she had done a good job, she did not do it wholeheartedly, but only went through the motions and whenever an opportunity presented itself, she criticized the Party leadership sharply.

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1- NY (100-84275)	(WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)	(7-2)
1- NY (100-467)	(BILL LAWLENCE)	(19)
1- NY (100-12930)	[ ]	(20-13)
1- [ ]		(7-3)
1- NY (100-80638)	(CP, USA Membership)	(12-14)
1- NY (100-87211)	(CP, USA FACTIONALISM)	(12-14)
1 - NY (100-26603 Sub C40)		(20-10)



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[ ] said that the same applied to NAT ROSS, who was "pushed out" for doing nothing. He said he sat at fur meetings as a member of the section, yet nobody spoke to him nor fought for him and in the course of a struggle, he was removed. [ ] said, "I don't know, but I think it was BETTY or PETE (believed to refer to BETTY GANNETT and PETTIS PENNY, respectively,) that did a job on him. You'll have to find out from somebody else. I don't know the man myself, really. I understand he was pretty bureaucratic in his methods and his work. I understand he left with some very sharp conflicts with PATTERSON, (believed to refer to WILLIAM L. PATTERSON), so one of them had to get out. We've got a number of people like that, there's about a dozen more you can put on the list,"

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[ ] then stated that GEORGE BLAKE was a personal friend of BILL LAWLENCE and had helped him back into leadership and through BILL had done a very fine job with [ ] (believed to be [ ]). [ ] said that [ ] was doing a very big job and working very hard. He said that physically he could not do much more work because he did not have the time, as he worked all the way out on Long Island. He said, however, that [ ]'S whole attitude was healthier and that he was participating more in the Party work and getting into the spirit of things. [ ] said he hoped that some day they could take him out to his work and place him in a major Party assignment.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603 Sub C43)

2/28/56

SA JAMES E. REILLY

KINGS COUNTY CP  
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Identity of Informant  
Reliability

NY 1474-S\*

Who has furnished reliable  
information in the past  
12/28/55

Date

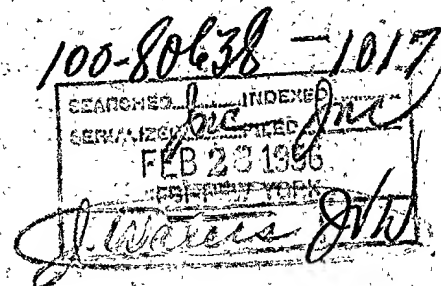
NY 1474-S\* advised that on 12/28/55, [redacted]  
[redacted] at NY State CP Headquarters, stated that the  
two sections in Brooklyn were really strong on the  
press drive. [redacted] remarked that the two, Bedford  
and Brownsville, were also the strong ones as far as  
registration was concerned.

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1 - NY 100-23290 [redacted] (#12-14)  
1 - NY 100-63755 [redacted] (#12-14)  
1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP) (#12-14)  
1 - NY 100-81675 (CP, USA PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS) (#12-14)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

February 29, 1956

SAC, CHICAGO (100-18952)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
DISTRICT #8 -  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Care should be used in reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JOHN E. HEATING on February 23, 1956, that on February 21, 1956, he had learned from [redacted] member of the District Board and Executive Secretary of the Illinois-Indiana Communist Party District, that the current registered membership in the CP in Illinois and Lake County, Indiana, is 1,000. [redacted] also stated that the current registration is practically completed and that probably not more than a couple of dozen persons still have to be registered. [redacted] stated that this figure is disappointing and that during the registration it was found that 83 persons carried on the Party rolls had either been transferred out of the district or are deceased.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Indianapolis (REGISTERED)  
(100- ) (CP, USA-Membership)
- 1 - New York (REGISTERED)  
(100-80638) (CP, USA-Membership)
- 1 - Springfield (REGISTERED)  
(100- ) (CP, USA-Membership)
- 3 - Chicago  
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(1 - 100-2748) [redacted]

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638) (#12-14) DATE: 3/5/56  
FROM: JAMES E. REILLY, SA (#12-14)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP  
IS - C

IDENTITY OF INFORMANT: NY 1474-S\*  
RELIABILITY: Who has furnished  
reliable information  
in the past.  
DATE: 1/19/56

NY 1474-S\* advised that on 1/19/56, [redacted]  
at New York State CP Headquarters, commented to BERNIE  
FRIEDLAND that since the inception of Party registration,  
he had felt that there was something wrong with the Negro  
leadership because the registration in the Negro field had  
been small.

[redacted] also spoke of their having a weak  
Regional Organizer in the Bronx and asked what could be done  
to remedy that condition. BOB APPEL agreed with [redacted] and  
added that he (the Regional Organizer in question) did not  
know what was going on.

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- 1 - NY 100-80640 (CP, USA Negro Question) (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-63755 [redacted] (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-22066 (BERNARD FRIEDLAND) (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-26603 Sub C40 (Bronx County CP) (#20-10)
- 1 - NY 100-319 (BOB APPEL) (#20-10)
- 1 - NY 100- [redacted] (HERB LNU, [redacted] suggested that HERB and  
his wife aid in Bronx registration, according  
to NY 1474-S\* on 1/19/56) (#20-10)
- 1 - NY 100-84691 [redacted] (#20-10)
- 1 - NY 100-82900 [redacted] (#20-10)
- 1 - NY 100-85337 (HAROLD STEVENS) (#20-10)
- 1 - NY 100-81137 [redacted] (#20-10)
- 1 - NY 100- [redacted] (TESS LNU; [redacted] suggested that TESS aid  
in Bronx registration, according to NY 1474-S\*  
on 1/19/56) (#20-10)
- 1 - NY 100-22725 [redacted] (#20-10)
- 1 - NY 100-81675 (CP, USA Pamphlets and Publications) (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA Funds) (#19)
- 1 - NY 100-59306 [redacted] (#20-10)
- 1 - NY 100-25880 (DON LESTER) (#20-10)
- 1 - NY 100-18677 [redacted] (#19)

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*L. W. Jones*

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In connection with the registration, according to the informant, [ ] then spoke of calling some people together and giving each three or four names to go out and contact in connection with the drive. He added that perhaps these people could do a better job in the Bronx than was being done by the Regional Organizer.

He furnished the following people as a list of those he believed could aid in the registration drive in the Bronx:

HERB and his wife  
[ ] (believed to be [ ])  
[ ] (believed to be [ ])  
HAROLD (believed to be HAROLD STEVENS)  
[ ] (possibly [ ])  
TESS (phonetic)

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[ ] BOB APPEL then told [ ] that [ ] (possibly [ ] would move into this matter and might be able to do something. [ ] then asked what was transpiring over in Parkchester with [ ] (possibly [ ] and suggested that they let [ ] get into Parkchester to see what he could accomplish. BOB APPEL then spoke of a publication which they were trying to get out. He said that it would cost them between \$5,000 and \$6,000 a year. APPEL also stated that Parkchester was an easy area and [ ] stated that DON (believed to be DON LESTER) could handle it.

[ ] suggested that DON could talk to [ ] once or twice a week. [ ] also stated that in Prospect, it was necessary to go out and visit 600 or 700 people which made it more difficult area to handle.

Later that same afternoon, according to the informant, a man (possibly DON LESTER) spoke of a meeting which was to be held in the Bronx on Monday (presumably 1/23/56) in the Bronx. He asked [ ] if he would attend this staff meeting and in reply to [ ]'s request for directions told him that the meeting would be held at 807 East Tremont Avenue. He described the place as being

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upstairs from the Book Shop and stated that there was a big sign out front which read "Washington Credit Bureau". He said that the place was located right off Southern Boulevard.

then commented to an unidentified individual that there were a number of sections in the Bronx which were organizing groups for the "Food and Funds" campaign and local activities concerning the TILL Case.

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AIRMAIL-REGISTERED

SAN FRANCISCO (100-26239)

DIRECTOR, FBI

CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP  
IS-O;  
DAYLET

Re my airtel 2/29/56, captioned as above.

[redacted] on 2/28/56 provided photographs of notes maintained by WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, Chairman, CP District 13, obviously prepared by him while in New York last week. These notes, believed to pertain to membership, are as follows:

NY	8600	9300
Cal	2700	2800
I 900)		1000)
O 472)	1623	575) 1925
M 251)		350
NJ	575	700
E. Pa	457	500
W. Pa	101	150
South	154	175
Others	1704	1925
	<u>15,914</u>	<u>17,475</u>

'52 -	26,000	-	'53 -	15%
'53 -	22,500	-	'54 -	10%
'54 -	20,000	-	'55 -	10%
'55 -	18,000	-	'56 -	4%

Recruits - 150 (without Calif.)"

The right column is believed to refer to registration goals and the left column is believed to be figures as obtained to date. The initials I, O and M appear to pertain to Illinois, Ohio and Michigan.

A photograph of the above note is enclosed for the information of the Bureau.

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1-New York; 1-Los Angeles; 1-San Diego; 1-Honolulu (ALL)

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SF 1125-S\* advised on 2/25/56 that WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, Chairman of 13th District, in relaying to the State Board information he had obtained while in New York earlier that week, advised as follows:

A complete breakdown on Party registration has not yet been obtained but the following has been observed: In many one-industry towns Party membership was seriously affected and their position in the industry of such towns was wiped out. However, in big industrial districts, while there were considerable losses of members, the rather high percentage of industrial composition of the Party was maintained. SCHNEIDERMAN indicated that this was the case in the New York District, but the losses of industrial composition in New York took place in earlier years. It was indicated that the Party was dissatisfied with the industrial composition of the Los Angeles registration because, although total membership held up better than most other areas, the industrial and national composition was not representative of the population.

It was stated that in Pittsburgh and the Western Pennsylvania area Party membership is practically outlawed in many of the big industries. Staunch militants cannot belong to the Party, cannot associate with anybody connected with the Party for fear of losing their jobs. It was indicated that the Party in this area has been unable to hold its members.

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3-Bureau  
1-New York; 1-Pittsburgh; 1-Los Angeles; 1-San Diego; 1-Honolulu (ALL RE-REG)  
1-SF 100-26239\*  
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NEW YORK (100-96955)

BUREAU (100-3-34)

ATTN: ASST. DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT

CPUSA, UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS  
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On 3/7/55, confidential informant NY 100-3\* was recontacted and furnished information which was in the possession of PHILIP and CONSTANCE BART. According to the informant, this information was in addition to the information that was obtained by the informant on previous occasions. Included among the material furnished by this informant was an 11-month statement from 1/1 to 11/30/54 of the total dues and dues average percentage payments of CP members throughout the United States from which a national membership figure can be determined. According to the informant, this 11-month statement was accompanied by a cover letter which gave the instructions that the statement be destroyed after study, and in the cover letter it was stated that the national membership figure was estimated at approximately 16,012.

Also included in the information furnished by the informant was a blank transfer book which is currently used by Communist Party members when they are transferred from one area to another. The material furnished by the informant also contained a breakdown of the CP membership registrations within Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota and North Dakota.

The informant furnished information concerning a preliminary memorandum that has been prepared concerning WILLIAM A. FOSTER's coming 75th birthday celebration, and a statement of literature sales of the Communist Party for the past year. The informant also furnished a memorandum that was prepared by the national Communist Party on the "farm work" program.

The foregoing information furnished by the informant is being processed and will be immediately disseminated to the pertinent NY files and interested offices. The Bureau will be advised of all pertinent developments.

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7 - Bureau (100-3-34)(RM)  
(1 - 100-3284 (PHILIP BART)  
(1 - 101-8885 (CONSTANCE BART)  
(1 - 100-3 (CPUSA)  
(1 - 100-3-35 (CP MEMBERSHIP)

1 - NY 100-3284 (PHILIP BART)(101)  
1 - NY 100-3285 (CONSTANCE BART)(101)  
1 - NY 100-3311 (CPUSA)(12-14)  
1 - NY 100-10035 (CP MEMBERSHIP)(124)  
2 - NY 100-30955 (CPUSA, UN)(11)

JOHN (19)  
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(1-Sup. F. J. Smith #19)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-89590)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA -  
STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY  
IS - C

DATE: 3/12/56

ReNYlet, 2/10/56.

ReChicago airtel to Bureau, 1/12/56.

EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THE  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THE  
INFORMANT.

3 - Bureau (100-3-89) (CP, USA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) RM  
(1 - 100-348159) (COMINFIL OF RAILROAD INDUSTRY)

1 - Albany (100- (CP, USA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) RM

1 - Baltimore (100- (CP, USA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) RM

1 - Boston (100- (CP, USA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) RM

1 - Buffalo (100- (CP, USA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) RM

5 - Chicago (100-19431) (CP, USA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) RM  
(100-18393) (COMINFIL OF RAILROAD INDUSTRY)  
(100- (CP, USA, DISTRICT 8)  
(100- (CP, USA, ORGANIZATION)  
(100-2748) [REDACTED]

1 - Cincinnati (100- (CP, USA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) RM

1 - Cleveland (100- (CP, USA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) RM

2 - Detroit (100- (CP, USA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) RM  
(100- (NAT GANLEY)

1 - Indianapolis (100- (CP, USA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) RM

1 - Los Angeles (100- (CP, USA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) RM

1 - Minneapolis (100- (CP, USA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) RM

2 - Newark (100- (CP, USA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) RM  
(100- [REDACTED])

1 - New Haven (100- (CP, USA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) RM

2 - Philadelphia (100- (CP, USA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) RM  
(100- [REDACTED])

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1 - St. Louis (100- (CP,USA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)RM  
26 - New York (100-102466) (7-5)  
(100-56579) (PHIL BART) (19)  
(100-28609) (19)  
(100-56062) (NAT GANLEY) (7-5)  
(100-54636) (7-2)  
(100-22066) (BERNARD FRIEDLAND) (12-14)  
(100- (HOWIE, LNU) (7-6)

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According to NY1475-S\*, on 1/20/56,  
one "Howie" was referred to at a  
discussion held at the National  
Headquarters, CP,USA, re trade  
union work.

(100-80398) (20-11)  
(100-8944) (20-11)  
(100-22531) (7-5)  
(100-66909) (20-13)  
(100- (AL, LNU) (7-6)

According to [redacted] on  
1/22/56, one "Al" was present  
at a meeting of the trade union  
commission held that day at  
Yugoslav-American Hall, NYC

(100- (JACK, LNU) (7-6)  
(According to [redacted] on  
1/22/56, one "Jack" was present  
at a meeting of the trade union  
commission held that day at  
Yugoslav-American Hall, NYC)

(100- (BILL, LNU) (7-6)  
According to [redacted] on  
1/22/56, one "Bill" was present  
at a meeting of the trade union  
commission held that day at  
Yugoslav-American Hall, NYC.

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New York: (100-94768) (YUGOSLAV AMERICAN COOPERATIVE  
HOME, INC.) (18)  
(100-80641) (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION) (12-14)  
(100-84935) (COMINFIL OF RAILROAD INDUSTRY)  
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(100-26603, sub C 1849) (RAILROAD SECTION OF  
CP) (12-14)  
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(100-80644) (CP, USA - YOUTH MATTERS) (12-14)  
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(100-95240) (LYL) (12-14)  
(100-7629) (COMINFIL, NAACP) (7-2)  
(100-89590) (CP, USA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)  
(12-14)

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NY 100-89590

Referenced letter from Chicago contained information from CG 5824-S on 1/11/56 that a scheduled three day meeting of the National Trade Union Commission of the CP was to be held in New York City starting on Friday, 1/20/56. It was pointed out that the meeting of 1/20/56 would be restricted to the Steering Committee of the National Trade Union Commission, with the entire commission meeting on the remaining two days. CG 5824-S also advised that [redacted] member of the District Secretariat and District Board of the Illinois-Indiana CP District, and a member of the National Trade Union Commission, was scheduled to attend these meetings.

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NY 1475-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that, on 1/17/56 a discussion took place between PHIL BART and [redacted] at the National Headquarters of the CP, USA, 268 7th Ave., NYC, wherein they discussed having the "D. O's" from Jersey, Philadelphia, and Baltimore come in for Friday noon, (presumably 1/20/56). [redacted] told PHIL BART that NAT, (believed to be NAT GANLEY), from Michigan, will be coming in for the weekend.

Of possible significance in this connection, it should be noted that on 1/6/56 NY 1475-S\* furnished information concerning a discussion on trade union work held at the National Headquarters of the CP, USA. During this discussion on 1/6/56, between [redacted] and PHIL BART, [redacted] asked the following question:

"In how many districts do you have trade union secretaries?"

[redacted] then stated:

"From what I have found, in the meetings that we have had, when I want to discuss trade union problems I have to talk to D. O's with the exception of New York and Illinois."

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[redacted] advised on 11/16/55 that [redacted] was then the functioning National CP Trade Union Director.

NY 694-S\* advised on 4/5/55 that PHIL BART was then in charge of organizational and financial operations of the CP, USA, and on 6/3/55 advised that BART continues to be National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA.

NY 1475-S\* on 1/20/56 furnished the following information concerning a meeting which took place at the National Headquarters of the CP, USA, 268 7th Ave., NYC, on that date. Among the individuals believed by the informant to be present at this meeting were:

[redacted]  
BERNIE FRIEDLAND

[redacted] (believed to be [redacted],  
and unidentified males.

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During the meeting an unidentified male referred to the name of HOWIE. Informant was unable to furnish any additional informant concerning HOWIE. Among the topics discussed at this meeting was trade union work in Chicago, NY, and New Jersey.

NY 1475-S\* advised that during the meeting on 1/20/56 [redacted] made the following remark:

"So what you'll have in south Chicago will be essentially 2 divisions. You will have a steel industrial division in the region with its own leadership in the form of a section or whatever you want to call it and you will have the community set up as it is now, with the regional committee coordinating these 2 divisions."

An unidentified male then added:

"separate from that there will be a steel commission."

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[redacted] subsequently stated:

"Let's take another example, let us take the south side. There you have a region basically Negro. Industry now has introduced the packing sections and they became part of the southside region. I assume here also that you have coordination between those 2 divisions. The regional organizer of the south side has only the problem of guaranteeing that the clubs more or less function. He doesn't have too much to do with the policy board."

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NY 1475-S\* advised that later on in the meeting on 1/20/56 an unidentified individual made the following comment:

"I think what has happened now is a diversement of the national leadership both in the form in which the trade union guy works and the lack of general approach to the trade union work and secondly, a diversement from the field."

An unidentified male also stated:

"now if you have this interrelationship falling from the top nationally you won't have the problem we have now - the left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing."

An unidentified individual at the meeting on 1/20/56 stated that NY in <sup>has</sup> ~~operation~~ is a problem unto itself. "It doesn't have what Chicago has, such as it doesn't have a south side where you can say that you have a concentration of packing house workers."

An unidentified individual stated that in Jersey they are doing it in the following way:

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NY 100-89590

"In electrical they took the community clubs which are in the neighborhoods of where the workers live and where the plants are and added them to a region with each shop. For security reasons the regional organizer handles certain individuals and certain clubs. Now, when it comes to the question of election they considered the congressional areas in which the community clubs and the shops are. He stated it is simpler, you can talk to the 10th, the 11th and the 12th and you know what you are talking about."

On Saturday, 1/21/56, the following individuals were observed by SAs [redacted] and ROBERT H. BERTKE entering the Yugoslav American Hall, 405 W. 41 St., NYC:

[redacted]  
[redacted]

BERNARD FRIEDLAND

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In addition to these individuals, five unidentified male individuals also entered the building at 405 West 45th St., NYC, on 1/21/56.

CG 5824-S advised on 12/8/55 that BERNARD FRIEDLAND was then in charge of trade union matters in the New York district of the CP.

[redacted] who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning activities at the Yugoslav-American Home, 405 West 41 St., NYC, furnished the following information on 1/21/56 concerning a meeting which took place on that date at this hall:



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According to the informant, an unidentified male discussed various strike situations in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. Another unidentified male discussed political action regarding the labor movement in New Jersey. A third unidentified male, (believed to be [redacted]), discussed the AFL-CIO merger convention. A discussion also took place concerning a report given by [redacted] (believed to be [redacted]), most of which discussion was inaudible. BERNIE, (believed to be BERNARD FRIEDLAND), made the following comments at this meeting on 1/21/56:

"The second feature in relation to this was the teamster question. Now here the mob, the syndicate was out to take over New York which would effect the teamster union nationally. [redacted] (phonetic), was challenging [redacted] for the head of the teamsters joint council which would affect both the heads of the central trades. Now the left played a very important role, and as matters now stand, [redacted] has 35 out of 60 locals. Each has seven votes, regardless of what its membership is. More important is that [redacted] and [redacted] are now having working alliance. Now this is tradition breaking."

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On 1/22/56 [redacted] furnished the following information concerning a meeting which took place at the Yugoslav-American Hall, 405 West 41st., NYC, on that date:

Among those believed by the informant to be present at this meeting on 1/22/56 were:

[redacted]  
BERNARD FRIEDLAND

[redacted]  
GEORGE, (believed to be [redacted])  
AL LNU  
JACK LNU  
BILL LNU

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According to [redacted] an unidentified male,  
(believed to be [redacted]), at the beginning of the meeting  
on 1/22/56 stated:

"For your information AL yesterday we had a full day's discussion on the follow up on the merger convention, dealing with the question of organizing the unorganized, the question of political action, the continuing struggle for Negro rights, the problem of making a continuing fight for unity, special emphasis on a special sub report in connection with the Westinghouse strike, and the question of foreign policy."

[redacted] later stated:

"Now we do not propose to go through another panel discussion on the outlook for 1956. This was involved in our last commission meeting, and was AL's report to the national conference which was in the January P.A."

It is to be noted that the January, 1956, issue of "Political Affairs" contains various reports to the national conference of the CP, 12/3-5/55. Included in this issue of "Political Affairs" is a report by ALBERT E. BLUMBERG on "The 56 Elections".

[redacted] stated that instead of an opening report he proposed they begin in an informal way and have a discussion on what those present consider to be the main issue in the various areas. He then stated that the floor was open for informal remarks and stated: "Do you want to start off SAM?"

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[redacted] an unidentified individual, (believed to be [redacted]), then made some remarks, most of which were inaudible. He did, however, refer to the overall labor movement in Illinois and referred to Chicago, Cook County, the planning of political action forces, the formation of political clubs and attempts to participate within the democratic party.

[redacted] an unidentified individual, (believed to be [redacted]), subsequently made some informal remarks concerning New Jersey. He referred to the relations between the AF of L and the Republican Party, the struggles within the Democratic Party in New Jersey, and the possibility of setting up a labor committee for STEVENSON which might get the support of Governor ~~Wright~~. He also discussed registration hours for voters, which hours should be extended so more workers would register in connection with elections. He also referred to the question of a peace time economy with school construction, and ~~sum~~ clearance as unemployment insurance. He also discussed the question of a labor-~~far~~mer party as something that has to be worked with.

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An individual believed by the informant to be BERNIE FRIEDLAND later spoke about the annual CIO Legislative Conference which takes place each year. He stated that the AF of L- CIO Legislative Conference in March this year in New York is a follow up of a separate legislative conference that traditionally takes place in December. He also stated that the preparations for these conferences are extremely important.

A discussion then followed on selecting about three issues for the labor movement to push. Among the issues discussed ~~was~~ a 35 hour week, school construction and taxes. After a discussion on taxes, [redacted] proposed setting up a sub committee to work out a specific

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plan, using such things as leaflets and articles in the press in conducting a special campaign all over the country, starting around the middle of March and running for about a four week period before "the filing date" around the question of taxes.

During the meeting on 1/22/56 [redacted]  
stated:

"Did you send for a copy of that JACK?" A male individual, (presumably JACK LNU), replied: "Who do you write to for that."

[redacted] replied:

"You can write to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, or you can write to your Congressman."

[redacted] At the meeting on 1/22/56, according to an individual believed to be BERNIE FRIEDLAND remarked:

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"I wish that you would introduce [redacted] (believed to be [redacted] as a specialist on railroad affairs, right [redacted] (believed to be [redacted])?" Following this remark there was laughter heard in the room and [redacted]'s reply was inaudible.

According to [redacted] [redacted] (believed to be [redacted]) gave the following report concerning railroads:

[redacted] stated that many of the top railroads of our country are no new comers to the billionaire clubs of America. Today, with new and bigger mergers not only of the railroads, but with the banks that own them, the industry

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is becoming evermore monopoly controlled. It is this intense monopoly control of this and other basic industries of our country that is the source of most of the fundamental problems facing American workers and the American people today. Such basic struggles as the fight to keep the struggle for Negro rights, the fight for civil liberties, trade union rights, and the whole anti Mc Carthyite struggle will be affected to the extent that the organized workers of those industries are worth the struggle against monopoly.

[ ] stated that through the Association of American Railroads, close relations are maintained with the EISENHOWER Administration and the TRUMAN Administration before him. On the eve of the EISENHOWER Inauguration the Justice Department dropped its 8 year old suit for monopolistic rate fixing against the AAR, some 40 Western roads, J. P. Morgan, and others. He stated named in the anti trust suit among others was W. AVERELL HARRIMAN, representing the Union Pacific. The present national administration has gone further. Under the chairmanship of Secretary of Commerce, [ ] the Cabinet Committee on Transportation has brought in a report encouraging greater mergers. It proposes that the industry be given power to set its own rate which is presently in the hands of the ICC and permit railroads to go into any other competitive forms of transportation such as trucking, airlines, water works, and pipe lines. These proposals are in addition to the special consideration and amortization for past tax write-offs, for depreciation on new capital investments which for the railroads ran into many billions in the past few years.

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[ ] stated that for the purpose of his report he wanted to single out 5 main questions affecting the industry around which "our work is revolved". He listed these issues as:

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1. The questions of lay offs.
2. The question of wages.
3. Negro rights.
4. Independent Political Action.
5. Labor Unity.

He stated that in connection with the first question, lay offs, the workers in this industry, perhaps more than any other major industry have suffered due to mass lay offs. Since the employment peak of 1945, 444,000 workers were laid off. From mid 1953 to the year end of 1954, 212,000 workers lost their job. The cause of these lay offs has been many fold. However, prime among them is the greater productivity of the worker due in the main to the intensified drive for greater mechanization on the part of the carriers. Diesolization is almost 100% complete on most first line roads; however, mechanization has hit every department from the giant machine that lay and replenish a road bed to the automat style cafeterias that are being introduced in place of the dining car with its chefs, waiters, and stewards. The most modern developments in electronics and television are being utilized to replace men. In fact,

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the most recent was the running of a train from New Rochello to Now Haven without any crew at all, under MC GINNIS, who has since resigned as president, although not because of that.

[ ] then went on to discuss the increased productivity of the worker. He stated that since the all time high of a little over two million workers right after World War I, the industry is now operating on a figure of that close to depression years. The figure today is 1,087,247. He stated that the fundamental approach to alleviate this problem is a 30 hour week at no reduction in pay. This would create 25% more jobs or roughly a quarter of a million new jobs. To date in the New York area many lodges have passed resolutions calling upon the grand lodges to act on the proposals of a 30 hour week. Already 4 national conventions, including carmen, electricians and clerks have gone on record for a 30 hour week.

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[ ] then discussed the pension question as being a very important question in the industry with workers paying far above others through social security. He stated that large sections of workers that could retire do not retire, they remain on the job, thus removing the possibility of securing young workers on the job. He stated that if more retired this would create more jobs. He continued to discuss the question of more adequate pensions and increased unemployment insurance benefits in connection with the lay off question.

[ ] stated that on the second question, that of wages, the picture is this:

There has been up until the recent period, December of the past year, no basic wage increase in the industry since 1951, which was the last time any basic wage

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increase was granted. He added that the big event of 1955 was really what sparked the whole movement, although there were pressures up until 1955 on the part of many locals. He stated:

"We played a role in the development in many areas on the wage question, picking this out as a key question within the industry and the ball began to roll at least in this area with many of the locals demanding that the railroad monopoly increase it."

He stated it developed to a point where a number of national conventions took a similar action before the actual official issuance of a wage demand on the part of unions took place in 1955; however, sparking this and in advance of this formal filing, was the development in early 1955 of the L & M (phonetic) strike which gave a whole new complexion to struggles within the industry. In fact, it was the first major strike in railroads since 1922 and represented a new high in the question of militancy of the workers and in the unity that was achieved among the workers. He added that "here of course I speak only for the New York-New Jersey area which we have jurisdiction over, the New England area which we have some relations with, and beyond that I don't know."

[ ] stated that around the wage movement one lodge put out a button which had a slogan which soon became the popular slogan of the industry in this area and that was 25¢ or strike. It spread not only in this area, but managed to find its place throughout the country into a number of other areas as far west as Minneapolis, Detroit and a number of other areas. The high point of this whole fight in this area was called through a few of the locals. He also discussed other contract questions that the unions

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are concerned with, such as shift differentials, premium pay for Saturdays and Sundays, which does not exist in the industry today.

On the third question under that of Negro rights, [ ] made the following remarks:

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This has been one of the major aspects of our work in the past few years. He stated in an industry like this we have to recognize the responsibility of monopoly capital for the existence of the discrimination existing in the industry and in the country as a whole. He stated:

"I think we can safely say that the discrimination that exists within our industry and within the labor movement in our industry, particularly in the operating craft, is a source of poison that emanates from this center into many aspects of the life of the country. And as such, we have to give major consideration to the role of the monopolies in perpetrating this kind of a situation within this industry as well as their responsibility in the country as a whole particularly in relation to workers in the South and the situations that exist elsewhere in the country. The railroads are guilty of imposing the most vicious forms of chauvinism and denial of right to Negroes. They have succeeded in infecting many of the unions of the industry with the most rank forms of discrimination."

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[ ] stated that the organization of a mass struggle around Railroad Jim Crow opens the possibility of an organization of the broadest united front composed of Negro railroad workers, Negro people's organizations, the white workers in the industry, and other unions of the AF of L-UIO.

[ ] then referred to the fact that this is an election year and the struggle for Negro rights is an issue which the different political parties must deal. The Republican Party in particular must be singled out and made to answer for the bankruptcy of the contract plans of the commission settled by the President, of which NIXON was the chairman, particularly as it relates to the railroad industry.

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[ ] stated that briefly a picture of this problem in industry nationally is as follows:

Of the million workers in the industry only about 135,000 are Negroes. This <sup>is</sup> figure which has declined sharply since 1920, as contrasted with other major industries <sup>where</sup> the hiring of Negroes has increased sharply. Of these 135,000 the overwhelming majority of them are limited to ~~menial~~ back-breaking and service jobs. A great number of Negroes are in track work; car cleaning, brake handling, baggage handling, dining car cooks, pullman porters and red caps. The companies and unions have for years worked hand in hand to drive out those Negroes who have become firemen and brakemen when those jobs were less desirable than now. Working conditions for Negroes further reflect the Jim Crow character of the industry. Dining car workers and pullman porters are required to put in 240 hours monthly before time and a  $\frac{1}{2}$  begins. These same workers are required to work long hours with over night stops where the rest of the train crew change at position points. Most train crews work on a mileage basis which augments their pay. This is not so for the Negro workers.

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stated that the operating brotherhood,  
such as the engineers, conductors, firemen and trainmen,  
Negroes are barred through two clauses. One, the white  
only clause, and also the clause allowing for blackball-  
ing, which is used when the white clause is inoperative  
in states with F.E.P.C. He added the struggles for  
jobs has been sharpest in the South where the companies  
and the unions have ganged up on Negro firemen and train-  
men in attempts which have led to the reduction of these  
jobs to approximately 5,000 from 15,000 in the 1920's.  
The Negro workers have fought back for years with law  
suits, organization of their own unions which still  
exist today in certain areas.

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[ ] stated that in the North, where there  
has been no history of Negroes in jobs, "our party"  
three years ago singled out the fight for hiring of  
Negroes as trainmen as the main direction of our work  
in this area. This fight, based upon a plan involving  
a State Committee Against Discrimination, Negro  
workers in the industry and organizations outside the  
industry has led to certain very positive gains. On the  
Pennsylvania, which is the largest road in the world,  
the initial break-through two years ago has been followed  
up by the recent hiring of almost a hundred Negro men  
as brakemen, of whom several have moved up to passenger  
trainmen. On the Long Island victories were won in the  
hiring of several switch tenders and ticket agents. On  
the New York Central, the second largest road in the  
country, victories have been won in the hiring of the  
first two Negroes as brakemen in recent weeks. During  
the course of these struggles, several chapters of the  
NAACP have been involved. The State Office of the  
Urban Leagues, and several Congressmen have been moved.  
The Elk Organization has taken a strong position on the  
question. The story of the break-through initially re-  
ceived national attention in all of the Negro press.

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[ ] stated that during the past three years, "our party" in New York and New Jersey has begun to tackle the question of committing, (phonetic), the white workers against chauvinism, and while the results have not been spectacular more and more of our clubs and individual comrades are beginning to record results, such as aiding in the amalgamation of Negro-White lodges, winning admission of Negroes into White lodges, electing Negroes to office, running of socials with Negroes participating, involvement of Negro workers in various activities such as baseball teams, political action and wage increases. Among the major nuisances of "our work" in this respect has been the inability to involve the Negro Trade Union leadership and many of the local lodge leadership, particularly in the Jim Crow lodges, into the movement and development of these struggles.

On the fourth question, that of independent political action, [ ] made the following comments:

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In the railroad industry political action has been developed in many ways, primarily because of the number of characters in the industry and the federal regulation of the industry. The labor movement of the industry has always had a relationship to this question, not always swinging their full weight, but at this time are swinging in the general stream of the labor movement in terms of raising this question with the membership, probably more sharply than before. For instance, two of the main labor publications in the industry, "Labor" and "Trainmen News", both have taken the fight and placed a good deal of emphasis in this past recent period. He stated that the publication "Labor" represents both of the non-operating unions plus a couple of the operating unions.

[ ] stated that it has been "our experience" that unless you can take hold of very specific issues that they are concerned with and relate this to political action you are not going to get very far with building the political action.

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Informant advised that at this point, [redacted] asked if anyone had any questions. At this point an inaudible discussion and laughter followed. Following this an unidentified male asked [redacted] for the floor. [redacted] replied: "Go ahead BILL." An individual believed to be BILL stated that he wanted to discuss something that pertained to security. Informant advised that an inaudible discussion followed on what would happen if the Mc Carren Act were invoked.

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Following this an informal discussion took place on various questions, such as "shape-up" practice in the industry, discrimination against the Negroes, such as dining car workers being forced to continue on with the train the whole run while others of the crew go only so far and take another train back, etc. A discussion was also entered into on wages in the railroad industry compared with other industries. The remark was made that an electrician on the railroad earns about \$2.19 per hour, whereas an electrician in the building trade earns approximately one dollar more per hour. Following this a discussion was held on railroad retirement benefits and the fight for half pay after 30 years.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638) (12-14)

DATE: 3/12/56

FROM : SA RICHARD H. BLASSER

SUBJECT: CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP  
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Source:

Reliability:

[redacted]  
Who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity must be protected by use of a T symbol.

Description of Activity: Membership record cards furnished by informant.

Received:

1/26/56

Location:

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ReNYairtel to the Bureau dated 1/30/56 and captioned as above, which enclosed a 3x5 membership record card which will be maintained by Section Financial and Membership Directors and Club Organizers of the Queens County CP.

Complete dissemination of the above information was made by referenced New York Airtel.

Attached hereto, however, for exhibit purposes are three 3x5 membership record cards, previously described.

1 - [redacted]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

DATE: 3/14/56

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: CP USA MEMBERSHIP  
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On 3/7/56, NY 1637-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available documents in the possession of PHILIP BART.

CG 5824-S, on 2/2/56, advised that PHILIP BART is Executive Secretary in the CP USA. Included among these documents was a ten month statement of Total Dues, Average Dues 1955, Assessments and Recruits broken down by districts. This statement is attached. An eleven month statement and an initial statement for 1955 are being furnished the Bureau under above caption. Extreme care should be used in dissemination of this memo so as to protect the identity of the informant. Original negatives of this material are maintained in the exhibits section of 100-56579.

1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#19)

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# 16 Months Statement

State	Total Ds.	Av. Ds. *	1955 Asset	Rats.
N.Y.	70,982*	68 *	494	50
N.E.	1,661	38	21	0
N. Pa.	1,214	25	5	0
N. Pa.	762*	42 *	3	0
Ohio	2,849	45	16	4
Mich	1,370	1	0	0
Ill	5,814*	48 *	17	14
Minn	1592	59	0	0
Ore	0	0	0	0
Wash	1,018	38	0	5
NJ	3,610	47	107	9
Conn	430	20	0	0
Wisc	1,040	72	19	4
Colo	58	1	0	0
Mo	416	70	0	1
Indiana	364	44	0	8
Montana	0	0	0	0
Pa-Wash	1,000	46	15	1
Va	193	50	0	0
Fla	277	58	0	0
SC	149	43	0	0
Tenn	124	84	1	0
Ala.-VAL	312	1	0	1
Cal	14,198	49	0	1
La.	247*	83 *	0	0
Ca	18	1	0	0
	<u>169,210</u>	<u>58.6 **</u>	<u>729 ***</u>	<u>98 ***</u>

## Notes:

\* Based on 4 memb; all others on 5

\*\* Adjusted Nat'l Av.

\*\*\* This does not incl any info from Cal

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

March 13, 1956

SAC, CHICAGO (100-13252)

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Case should be used in removing the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

CG 5324-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JOHN E. HEATING on March 11, 1956, that he had received the following information from PHIL BART, member of the National Organization Commission of the Communist Party, during the week of March 4, 1956:

CG 5324-S advised that BART stated that, in round numbers, the Communist Party registration in the New York District as of March 1, 1956, was 9,000. BART stated that the Party is very disappointed with this registration in New York and hopes to be able to get the figure up to 10,000 before the registration is completed.

BART also told CG 5324-S that, in round numbers, the Communist Party registration in California is 3,000. BART also stated that the New Jersey Communist Party District has registered 635 members and BART believed that New Jersey may be able to register as many as 750 members before the registration is completed. Commenting on New Jersey, BART stated that the registration figure of 635 was considered very good and that next to California, New Jersey has shown the best improvement in recent years. BART commented that the registration figure for Illinois is considered very poor by the National Office of the Communist Party.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)  
1 - Newark (100- ) (CP - USA, Membership) (REGISTERED)  
2 - New York (REGISTERED)  
    (1 - 100-30637) (CP - USA, Membership)  
    (1 - 100- ) (PHIL BART)  
1 - San Francisco (100- ) (CP - USA, Membership) (REGISTERED)  
2 - Chicago  
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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638) (#12-14)

CP USA MEMBERSHIP

On 3/7/56, NY 1637-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available documents in the possession of PHILIP BART.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 2/2/56, that PHILIP BART is Assistant Executive Secretary of the CP USA. Included among the material furnished by the informant was a 6 page handwritten document entitled "Registration Status October 1955" and a 1 page tally sheet for membership in North and South Dakota. The document on registration status gives the breakdown of membership in Wisconsin, Missouri, Minnesota, and North and South Dakota. It lists membership by cities and areas within these states. It also gives the first names of some of the members of the State Committee in Wisconsin.

The tally sheet apparently lists membership in North and South Dakota broken down by occupation.

Photographic copies of pertinent parts of these documents are enclosed for the offices receiving copies of this letter.

Extreme care should be used in dissemination of this material so as not to compromise the identity of the informant. Original negatives of these photographs are maintained in the exhibits section of 100-56579. 1861

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-68) (RM)
- 1 - Kansas City (Encs. 2) RM
- 1 - Milwaukee (Encs. 2) RM
- 1 - Minneapolis (Encs. 3) RM
- 1 - St. Louis (Encs. 2) RM
- 1 - New York (100-80638) (#12-14)

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*John Water*

OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* \* \* \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18952)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 3-16-56

Utmost care must be used in reporting and handling the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, exhibited a note to SA JOHN E. KEATING on March 11, 1956. CG 5824-S received this note from the National Office of the Communist Party for delivery to BILL SENTNER, Acting District Organizer of the Missouri Communist Party District. The following is the complete text of this note:

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Charlotte (100- )(HORACE DAVIS)(REGISTERED)
- 2 - Kansas City (REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100- )(CP - USA, Membership)
  - (1 - 100- )(HORACE DAVIS)
- ② - New York (REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100-80638)(CP - USA, Membership)
  - (1 - 100- )(CP - USA, Southern Regional Committee)
- 1 - Savannah (100- )(HORACE DAVIS)(REGISTERED)
- 2 - St. Louis (REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100- )(CP - USA, Membership)
  - (1 - 100- )(WILLIAM SENTNER)
- 2 - Chicago
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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
MEMBERSHIP

"2/8/56

"To K.C. Mo.

"From Southern Regional Committee

"Request for info

"Horace Davis is now in South Carolina teaching at a college. He says he is a member of the Party.

"1. Is he a member of the Party?

"2. If he is, why has there been no transfer?

"3. Please send a full characterization of him to the Southern Regional Committee."

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

March 14, 1956

*JMA* Transmit the following message to: SAC, New York (100-80638)

CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP, IS-C.

Reurairtel 3/8/56 captioned "CP, USA, Underground Operations, IS-C," advising of excellent results obtained from contact reporting on Constance and Philip Bart.

Furnish Bureau with Photostats of pertinent documents re membership data.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

3/14/56

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638) (#12-14)

CP USA MEMBERSHIP  
IS-C

On 3/7/56, NY 1637-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available documents in the possession of PHILIP BART.

CG 5824-S, on 2/2/56, advised that PHILIP BART is Assistant Executive Secretary of the CP USA. Included among the documents furnished by the informant were photographs of what appears to be a new transfer blank now in use by CP USA. This blank is contained in a booklet resembling a "chance" book that measures approximately 2½ by 5 inches. Each blank is perforated into three sections which contain lines for such data as "Date," "Name," "Address," "Introduction," etc. The book itself is not numbered and there is no printing on the back or the front.

The back of this book bore the following handwritten notation. "This is our new transfer blank. 1. One part remains in book and is kept by transferring section. 2. Other two parts are sent on to new area. 3. New area will send back (to original) the small part as 'receipt' that transfer has been picked up." Photographs of this transfer blank and the handwritten notations on the back of the book are enclosed for the information of the Bureau. The Bureau might consider furnishing photographs of this blank to all offices in order that they may familiarize themselves with this transfer method of the CP USA. Care should be used in the dissemination of this material so as to protect the identity of the informant and original negatives of these photographs are maintained in the exhibits section of 100-56579.

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-68) (Encs. 2)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
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*DM*

*100-80638-1030 Inc*

This is our New  
Transfer Block

(1) One part remains in book +  
is kept by transferring section.

(2) Other 2 parts are sent on  
to New York

(3) New York will send  
back (to me) the small  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68) DATE: 3/13/56  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638) (#12-14)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP  
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On 3/7/56, NY 1637-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available documents in the possession of PHILIP BART.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on 2/2/56, advised that PHIL BART is assistant executive secretary of the CP, USA.

Included among the documents furnished by NY 1637-S\* was an "11 Month Statement: 1/1-11/30/55" of Total Dues, Dues Average Percentage, Total Assessments for 1955, and Recruits for 1955. Attached to this statement was a cover letter beginning "Dear Phil" and signed "Andy" (identity of Andy has not yet been determined). This cover letter is a detailed explanation of the 11 Month Statement. In the

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- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA FUNDS)(#19)
- 1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA ORGANIZATION)(#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(#19)
- 1 - NY 100- (UNSUB; wa:"Andy" per NY 1637-S\* on 3/7/56)(#7-6)
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letter a national membership figure of 18,612 is given. This figure, as the letter explains, does not include membership in Michigan, Rocky Mountain area, and Georgia.

Informant also furnished an "Initial 1955 Statement" similar to the 11 Month Statement but apparently more recent since the Total Dues, Assessments, and Recruit figures are larger than in the 11 Month Statement. As is noted on this statement, however, this is not to be considered a final 1955 statement.

Copies of both of these statements and the cover letter are attached to this communication.

Approximate membership figures nationally and for the individual districts listed can be determined from these statements. For example;

Using figures on "Initial 1955 Statement."

Every NY CP member should have made twelve dues payments in 1955 for a 100% return. But only 68% of these dues payments have been received. To determine membership figures used in obtaining this percentage, 84,982, total dues payments received, is divided by twelve months. The quotient, 7,081.83 is then divided by a .68, the percentage to obtain the approximate NY membership figure used, 10,414. In this case according to "Note B" this is the 1954 membership figure.

The third column on these statements is the total assessments received to date in 1955. The fourth column headed "Init" is apparently the breakdown and totals of recruits for the CP in 1955. In the event this information is disseminated extreme care should be used to protect the identity of the informant. The original negatives of this material are maintained in the exhibits section of NY 100-56579.

INITIAL 1955 STATEMENT (See Note A)

	<u>Total Dues</u>	<u>%Dues Av.</u>	<u>Total 1955 Assmts</u>	<u>Init.</u>
1. New York	84,982	68 (B)	1208	73
2. N. Eng.	1,956	38	34	3
3. E. Pa	2,164	34	151	0
4. W. Pa.	971	45 (B)	22	0
5. Ohio	3,282	46	49	4
6. Mich	1,873	? (C)	65	10
7. Ill	7,177	53 (B)	83	16
8. Minn.	2,638	78	88	0
9. Oregon	?	? (D)	(D)	(D)
10. Wash.	1,764	45	0	7
11. N.J.	5,392	59	300	10
12. Conn.	1,012	35	5	0
13. Wisc.	1,438	83	61	5
14. Rocky Mt.	481	? (C)	3	2
15. Missouri	416	59	0	1
16. Indiana	364	37	0	3
18. Md.-Wash.	1,570	60	22 (D)	4
19. Va.	193	73	0	0
20. Fla.	277	49	0	0
21. N. Car.	149	35	0	0
22. Tenn.	134	70	1	0
23. Ala & So. MAL	312	31 (B)	0	1
24. Cal	14,198	40	0 (D)	0 (D)
25. La	247	36 (B)	0	0
31. Ga.	18	? (C)	0	0
32. Tex	0	0	0	0

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58% (Adj. Av.)  
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NOTES: (A) This should not be considered a final statement since additional 1955 dues will be coming in at least for the next quarter, at the end of which a more final statement will be prepared.

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- (B) In these cases, the av. dues % is based on 54 membership as only figure available. The rest, except for (C) are based on 55 memb. figure.
- (C) No reliable memb. figure available, hence no av. dues %
- (D) In these cases, there are funds without breakdown.
- (E) This is an adjusted figure, obtained by excluding those districts for which there is no reliable memb figure.

Dear Phil,

1. Attached are two copies of the 11 month statement, with dues average percentages, etc. worked out. Note that these figures do not include anything which may have been turned in over the conference week-end.
2. For your own information: On total membership figures -
  - (a) We have no actual figures for 1954 or 1955 for the following:

Michigan, Rocky Mt. area and Georgia.

- (b) We only have 1954 figures for the following:

New York, W. Pa., Illinois, Alabama and South MA, Louisiana

- (c) Therefore, in order to arrive at a national figure to make a national dues average, we exclude those for whom we have no 1954 or 1955 figure (these have question marks on the table) and have used the 1954 figures for those districts where we have no 1955 figure (those are marked by one asterisk \* on the chart).
  - (d) Thus, excluding three districts on which we have no figures (Michigan, Rocky Mountain and Georgia) the national figure is 18612. Remember that this is based, for the most part, on what the districts registered last year. Of course, these are not the figures we go by in the current registration

3. When you have studied this, please dispose of it.

Enclosed are your theater tickets for tomorrow.  
See you there.

Andy.

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11 Months Statement: 1/1 - 11/30/55

DISTRICT	TOTAL DUES	DUES 'V. %	TOTAL Assmts:1955	INIT. TOTAL
1. New York	63,474	73*	993	72
2. N.E.	1,661	34	21	0
3. E. Pa.	2,164	38	151	0
4. W. Pa.	971	49*	22	0
5. Ohio	3,282	50	49	4
6. Mich.	1,610	?	34	0
7. Ill.	5,314	43*	17	14
8. Minnesota	2,166	69	53	0
9. Oregon	0	0	0	0
10. Wash	1,246	35	0	5
11. NJ	4,505	53	300	10
12. Conn	490	18	0	0
13. Wisc	1,379	87	52	5
14. Rocky Mt	56	?	0	0
15. Missouri	416	64	0	1
16. Indiana	364	40	0	3
18. Md-Wsh	1,375	57	15 ***	4
19. Va	193	80	0	0
20. Fla	277	51	0	0
21. NC	149	39	0	0
22. Tenn	134	80	1	0
23. Ala&Mal	312	38*	0	1
24. Cal	14,198	45	0 *****	0*****
25. La	247	39*	0	0
31. Ga.	18	?	0	0
TOTALS	126,001	60% **	1,708 ****	119*****
Dues Total		Nat'l Dues Average (Adj.)	Total Assmts	Total Recrts

Notes: \*Based on 4 memb; all others on 5; \*\* This is  
adjusted National  
Average

\*\*\*Plus 34.55, with no break-down  
\* \*\*\*No figures for dues or recrts turned in by Cal.  
? Indicates memb fig lacking

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: March 20, 1956

FROM : *V. J. H.* Director, FBI (100-3-63) (100-3-68)SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - FUNDS  
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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The Minneapolis Office has recently advised that the treasurer of each Communist Party (CP) club in that particular district has been issued a "dues kit." The purpose of such "dues kit" is to insure accurate accounting of money received.

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The following instructions were issued with each of these "dues kits":

- "1) Issue receipts on all moneys received.
- "2) List payment of dues and assessments on score card to keep record for individual members.
- "3) Once a month give financial statement to club, i.e., moneys received, moneys expended and balance. Use notebooks to keep your records.
- "4) Use duplicate receipts to make up your payment to higher committee. Be sure to show club name or number so proper credit can be given. Show number of dues being paid and denomination of dues and include 80% of total dues with report. Show what funds are regular sustaining payments and what are Fund Drive or other special payments.
- "5) You are responsible for keeping this kit. Do not lose."

Each kit consisted of a score card, brown manila envelopes, a small notebook, a red paper portfolio and a receipt book to cover fifty transactions. None of this material bears printer's marks, watermarks or union labels, and it appears possible that this material has been specially prepared.

The following dues schedule was passed out with each kit:

"Unemployed and youth	\$.15
Housewives and up to \$40 a week	.50
\$41 to \$60 a week	1.25
\$61 to \$80 a week	2.50
\$81 to \$100 a week	3.00
\$100 and over	5.00"

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*In connection with the above it is noted this schedule lists dues of \$5 for individuals earning over \$100 a week. Information received by the Bureau in the past has indicated that dues for such persons were set at \$10. No prior information has been received that such dues have been reduced or changed.*

*The above data is being brought to your attention in order that the existence of this "dues kit," as well as the maintenance of records by the treasurer of each CP club, will be known to your office. This information should be borne in mind and given every consideration in your investigation of CP activities, particularly with respect to your investigation of CP funds and your investigation to determine accurate membership data.*



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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* \* \* \* \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-86)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18209)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS  
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DATE: 3-15-56

EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING  
AND HANDLING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO  
PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

Time, Type and Place  
of Meeting

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, orally advised SA JOHN E.  
KEATING on March 11, 1956, that a meeting of the

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2-Bureau (Registered)  
1-Detroit (100-13420) (CARL WINTER) (Registered)  
2-Los Angeles (100-CP-MEMBERSHIP)  
    (100-"DAILY PEOPLES WORLD") (Registered)  
1-New Haven (100-14795) (Registered) (Info)  
1-Newark (100-2974) (Registered)  
21-New York (Registered)  
    1-100-81675 (CP, USA-PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)  
    1-100-74560 (CP, USA-FUNDS)  
    1-100-80638 (CP, USA-MEMBERSHIP)  
    1-100-26603 (CP, USA-DISTRICT #2)  
    1-97-169 (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS)  
    1-100-50806 (GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY) (No. 7-5)  
    1-100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS) (No. 19)  
    1-100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (No. 19)  
    1-100-89816 (FRED FINE) (No. 19)  
    1-100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (No. 19)

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1-100-19723 (JOHN GATES) (No. 7-5)  
1-100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON) (No. 19)  
1-100-23290 [REDACTED] (No. 12-14)  
1-100-28609 [REDACTED] (No. 19)  
1-100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (No. 19)  
1-100-9573 (NEMMY SPARKS) (No. 19)  
1-100-66211 [REDACTED] (No. 7-5)  
1-100-18672 (MAX WEISS) (No. 19)  
1-100-27539 (CARL WINTER) (No. 19)  
1-100-54899 (LEON WOFSY) (No. 12-14)  
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1-100-("DAILY PEOPLES WORLD")

2-San Francisco (Registered)

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National Board of the CP, USA was held in the Board Room of Communist Party National Headquarters in the Jefferson School in New York City on March 5, 1956.

Persons in Attendance

CG 5824-S advised that the following persons were in attendance at this meeting:

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER  
EUGENE DENNIS  
JOHN GATES  
BEN DAVIS  
CARL WINTER  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
FRED FINE  
JAMES JACKSON  
GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY  
[REDACTED]  
JACK STACHEL  
NEMMY SPARKS  
LEON WOFSEY  
MAX WEISS

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Report by JOHN GATES  
on the Party Press

CG 5824-S advised that one of the items on the agenda at this National CP Board Meeting was a special report on the press by JOHN GATES, editor of the "Daily Worker".

Status of the Circulation of  
the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker"

GATES stated that the circulation of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" reflects the serious situation

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existing in the CP. He cited the following figures stating that these figures represent a tabulation at the end of December, 1955 and that there have been few changes since that time.

GATES stated that the "Daily Worker" circulation is 7,285 and of this number, about 4,500 subscriptions are in New York State and about 2,500 are outside of New York State.

"The Worker" circulation is 20,500. Of this number, 10,700 subscriptions are in New York City and 9,200 are outside of New York City, and about 540 subscriptions are in foreign countries.

GATES stated that these figures represent a decline of 500 subscriptions to the "Daily Worker" since December, 1954, and a decline of 1,000 subscriptions to "The Worker" during the same period. GATES commented that the status of the circulation is critical, that there has been a continual decline in circulation during recent years, although the rate of decline at the present time is not as high as it has been.

Comparison between Circulation of  
the Press and CP Membership in New  
York State and in California

GATES stated that the circulation of the "Daily Peoples World" in California during the week is roughly twice the amount of the CP membership in California. He stated that the circulation of the Sunday edition is roughly three times the Party membership. (It is to be noted that PHIL BART, member of the National Organization Commission, has told CG 5824-S that the membership in California, in round numbers, is 3,000 and that the membership in New York State, in round numbers, is 9,000.) By comparison, in New York State, the circulation of "The Worker" is roughly equal to the CP membership and the circulation of the "Daily Worker" in New York State is roughly one-half of the CP membership.

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In analyzing the difference between the circulation of the press in New York and California, GATES stated that the "Daily Peoples World" did not originate as the official organ of the CP and stated that it started out as a coalition paper. It therefore had a mass base. It was further stated that the "Daily Peoples World" is a California paper, while the "Daily Worker" is not a New York paper in the same sense.

Conclusions and Proposals of a  
Subcommittee on the Party Press

GATES stated that the following were the conclusions of a Subcommittee which met to discuss the Party press particularly the "Daily Worker":

1. Every measure must be taken to stop the decline in circulation of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" and to start an increase in circulation.
2. The influence of the CP cannot be increased without an increase in the circulation of the Party press. This is the central question connected with the advance of the CP in the United States.
3. The finances of the "Daily Worker" are in a serious state. The wages of the employees of the paper are paid irregularly. The "Daily Worker" telephone was cutoff for a while, recently because the telephone bill could not be paid in time.
4. The present circulation campaign is developing at a slow rate, therefore, the paper is receiving very little current income. Immediate measures should be taken to get funds for the paper.

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GATES stated that this Subcommittee made the following proposals:

1. That the month of March be made Press Campaign Month.
2. That the National Office of the CP and the various CP Districts give guarantees that this campaign will be carried through. It was stated that the leadership in the Districts are not paying sufficient attention to the Press Campaign, despite reports that there are good possibilities to increase the circulation of the press and all kinds of contacts are opening up.
3. That there be a year-around campaign for the building of the circulation of the press.
4. That the various Party Districts hold District Conferences on the circulation of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" and exchange experiences of the recent Circulation Drive.

GATES' Comments on the Content  
and Circulation of the "Daily  
Worker" and "The Worker"

CG 5824-S advised that GATES stated that the CP must use the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" in all its activities and its work. New ways must be found to reach trade unions and shops and to sell the papers there. The problem of the correct utilization of the paper by the CP members in the shops must be solved.

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GATES also stated that every CP District must have an apparatus for the distribution of the paper, this apparatus to include some non-Party people, if possible. GATES then cited the circulation of the "Daily Peoples World" as an example. He stated that the "Daily Peoples World" has District Managers who are responsible both to the Party and to the paper. These District Managers are informed in advance that certain feature articles will appear and are thus able to utilize this information in order to push sales of the "Daily Peoples World".

GATES stated that the problem of circulation of the "Daily Worker" is tied to the question of the content of the paper. He stated that the immediate aim is to return the "Daily Worker" to the status it had five years ago. He said that the popular aspects of the paper must be increased. There should be an increase in sports coverage, cartoons and features in order to make the paper more appealing to the majority of the people.

Continuing, GATES stated that during the period of repression, when the CP Leadership was either in jail or in the underground, the "Daily Worker" did not have a consistent line even though it wasn't off the line very much. The "Daily Worker" also had to cut down its staff and as a result, most of the material for the paper was written at a desk. As a result of this, the stories were not alive and this shows the need for additional reporters for on-the-spot coverage of the news.

Asking the question, who is the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" going to serve, GATES stated that the "Daily Worker" is not written for the workers at the present time. He said that some of the articles are so boring that they even put him to sleep. The same criticism applies to "The Worker".

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GATES said that it is necessary to select popular issues for the paper such as wages, housing, shop problems, school issues and civil rights. More attention will also have to be paid to general politics. He stated that the columns of the paper will be thrown open to suggestions from the readers.

Possibility of Broadening the Base  
and Changing the Name of the  
"Daily Worker and "The Worker

GATES stated that conditions are maturing for the bringing of broader forces into the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" both with regard to editorial policy and with regard to publication. He stated that consideration should be given to changing the character of the paper so that it will not be solely the official organ of the CP. He suggested that consideration be given to the finding of some method which would be utilized to artificially stimulate some controversy in the paper, and that an editor, who is not known as a CP member, might be used for this purpose. In this manner, the Party could guarantee that the general line of the CP would be adhered to, although there might be some different approaches to the tactics which are being used. He also suggested that consideration be given to changing the name of the paper, which has been so thoroughly identified as an organ of the CP.

Discussion of JOHN GATES' Report

CG 5824-S advised that the discussion at this meeting brought out the fact that the "Daily Worker" needs a particular city as its base. There was a proposal that the "Daily Worker" become a New York paper so that it can be of more use to the New York District. While the "Daily Worker" will carry all kinds of news, it will deal chiefly with New York State and will



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keep the CP in New York State apprised of political campaigns and current events in New York State. CG 5824-S advised that this proposal was adopted by the National Board.

The discussion also brought out that the name of the "Daily Worker" should not be changed without some more serious consideration. It is felt that if CP members no longer believe that the paper is the voice of the CP, that some readers may be lost, while on the other hand, a change in name may not bring forth additional readers.

Comments of EUGENE DENNIS

CG 5824-S advised that during this discussion, EUGENE DENNIS commented that it is necessary to extend the circulation of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" if the CP is going to extend its influence. DENNIS also stated that he is in favor of the "Daily Worker" becoming a New York paper with the main responsibility for the paper being with the New York District of the CP. He also stated that he favors a broader ownership and editorship and that he will ask the District Organizers if they want to have a national press conference to take up some of these issues.

Discussion Concerning the Proposal  
that the "Daily Worker" and "The  
Worker" be Turned Over to the  
New York CP District

CG 5824-S stated that during this discussion, it was brought out that the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" had a deficit of \$178,000 in its operation during 1955, that the current drive for \$64,000 is dying on the vine, so that even if \$100,000 for the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" is obtained during the National Fund Drive scheduled for the period between April 1, 1956, through June 30, 1956, there will still be insufficient funds to operate the papers during 1956.

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The discussion at this meeting brought out that the New York CP District has agreed to assume the obligations and debts of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" and to assume responsibility for these papers. However, as a concession from the National Office, the New York District wants to select the editor and otherwise operate the papers instead of having the operation controlled by the National Office of the CP. While the National Office wants to unload the paper on the New York District, it also wants to retain some control over the management of the paper.

CG 5824-S advised that there was a huge debate on this point at the National Board Meeting and that whether the paper will be turned over completely to the New York District of the CP or whether it will continue to be under the control of the National CP tutelage has to be decided.

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On 3/19/56, [redacted] anonymous source close to [redacted] assistant to Executive Secretary and former Organizational Secretary of Illinois-Indiana District with headquarters at Chicago, Illinois, made available certain information believed of interest to Bureau and offices to whom instant airtel directed.

Source advised that [redacted] maintained in her possession a large number of "Individual Information Sheets" which represent 1956 Communist Party registrations. CP registrations for each club to be contained on one sheet. This sheet has no place for name of individual but has the following points of identification:

- 1.) Age
- 2.) Sex
- 3.) Negro or white
- 4.) National origin
- 5.) How long in organization
- 6.) Occupation and industry
- 7.) Union and local #
- 8.) Name of mass organization
- 9.) dues paid to (month)
- 10.) Do you read regularly - Daily Worker - Sunday Worker
- 11.) Do you attend meetings regularly
- 12.) Club or division position.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED) (Encls. 2)
- 1 - Indianapolis (REGISTERED) (Encls. 3)
- 1 - Omaha (REGISTERED) (Encls. 1)
- 1 - Springfield (REGISTERED) (Encls. 1)
- 1 - New York (REGISTERED) (INFO)
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[redacted] made available to Chicago Office a number of instant registration forms on 3/19/56. Other sources advised as early as 3/2/56, HEST likely to have these forms in her possession. Prior to time this source was able to furnish additional information, namely on 3/21/56, instant registration forms were turned over to [redacted] for purposes of compiling the registration figures into the various breakdowns listed above such as how many CP members were Negroes or white, how long in organization, etc. Accordingly, this office obtained possession for a brief period of time through CG 5824-S and in order to be of assistance to the informant, this office prepared the desired compilations which will be subsequently furnished to the Bureau.

Preliminary analysis of these current CP registration forms reflects there are total of 160 individual sheets representing 666 individual CP members. It includes practically the entire alleged registered CP membership for the State of Illinois with the exception of one small division and possibly some of the downstate Illinois membership which is covered by Springfield Office. Also included are registration figures for State of Indiana broken down into certain of above categories such as male, female, white or Negro, but no actual registration forms obtained. Also included is registration forms for the Omaha Division. This is the actual CP registration sheet and indicates there are 10 registered members which is in accordance with previous information furnished by CG 5824-S. For the State of Indiana it is indicated that there are 74 registered members in addition to the Eriessar and Davis CP Divisions in Lake County which are considered a part of the Chicago area.

[redacted] also made available a large number of individual club questionnaires which give extremely valuable information from an organizational viewpoint and which appear to cover Chicago area only.

Enclosed herewith for information of Bureau is one sample copy of a club questionnaire as well as one sample

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copy of CP club registration sheet. In addition, photostatic copies of documents of interest to other offices are being forwarded for assistance in preparing current CP quarterly report as follows:

**To Indianapolis Office:**

Sheet of paper reflecting breakdown of 74 registered members in Indiana;

One sheet bearing breakdown of Erieger Division in Lake County reflecting total registration of 42 members;

Two sheets reflecting breakdown of Davis Division in Lake County reflecting registration of 26 members.

**To Springfield Office:**

Individual registration sheets reflecting registration of CP members in certain downstate Illinois areas including Champaign, Danville, Peoria, Rock Island, Illinois and Macomb County, Illinois.

**To Omaha Office:**

One CP registration sheet #207 reflecting registrations for 10 CP members.

For documentation purposes all offices advised that instant information was made available to SA JOHN F. HEATING by CG 5824-S on 3/21/56, who advised that they represent 1956 registrations for individual CP members. These documents are located in Chicago file 100-18952-1B.

Extreme care should be utilized in disseminating information contained herein with proper paraphrasing to protect the identity of both sources.

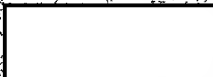


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The Chicago Office is of opinion these individual CP registration forms will be of extreme value in identifying the CP membership in this area. It is interesting to note that [redacted] also made available the names of approximately 70 CP members representing transfers from one division to another within this district or to other CP districts. All above information will be promptly channeled.

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This information is being submitted in considerable detail to emphasize the detailed nature of certain records being maintained by the CP, to demonstrate the extreme importance of developing sources close to individuals occupying positions of organizational secretaries, and because it reflects the importance the Party attaches today to obtain structural breakdowns of such items as how many CP members are white, Negro, in what age groups they are, how many are in mass organizations, how many are in labor unions, etc. It further appears that for all practical purposes, at least in the Illinois-Indiana District, the 1956 registration is completed and the Party is compiling its statistics. Bureau may desire to alert all offices generally of above since time may be of the essence in securing such registration data.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, New York (100-80638)

FROM : SAC, Buffalo (100-4379-68)

SUBJECT: CP-USA  
DISTRICT #2  
BUFFALO DIVISION  
MEMBERSHIP  
IS - C

DATE: 3/30/56

Remylet, 12/29/55.

It is estimated that there are as of this date in this division approximately 206 Communist Party members. This represents the same estimate as was submitted in relet.

The foregoing information is being submitted so that the New York Office will have the Communist party membership of the Buffalo Division for its next quarterly report on District #2.

- 1 - Albany (100-9555) (INFO) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - New York (100-80638) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Buffalo (100-4379-68)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

March 31, 1956

SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-9851)

CP-USA  
15th District  
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Re New York letter to Bureau dated 5/13/56 captioned, "CP-USA; Membership; IS-C."

Referenced letter reflects that NY-1637-S\* made available certain documents in the possession of PHIL BART, identified by CG-5824-S as Asst. Executive Secretary of CP-USA. A review of this material as it pertains to Connecticut reflects that based on data contained in "11 Month Statement 1/1-11/30/55," the membership figure for the captioned district is approximately 241. Further, based on the information set out in table captioned, "Initial 1955 Statement," the membership figure for this district is approximately 227.

The New Haven Division will attempt through investigation and through sources and informants to verify, locally, the information furnished by NY-1637-S\*.

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(2) The other two parts are sent on to the new area.

(3) The new area will return to the section which the Party member left the small part of the blank as confirmation that the transferee has been picked up in the new location.

While it is not known that this system of transferring Party members will be utilized throughout the country, it is being brought to your attention in order that you might familiarize yourselves with the method being used by the Party in at least one section of the country.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York ✓

FROM : *JWA* Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA-MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: March 23, 1956

As you are aware the Communist Party, USA, quarterly reports must contain the latest available statistics concerning the total number of Communist Party (CP) members in the district. The Bureau realizes that the Party continues to maintain the highest degree of secrecy to safeguard its membership. However, in order for the Party to administer its operations, we know that it has to compile statistics in this regard. It is the responsibility of the field to develop this information and to keep to a minimum "speculative"

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figures. The goal for each division must be complete and accurate membership figures. The various ways to gain such information have been stressed in previous communications. Some offices were extremely successful in securing accurate figures and others improved their previous coverage which resulted in more positive data. In either case the information was obtained because the offices moved aggressively and intelligently.

In many areas the Party has only recently completed its annual registration drive and recruitment of new members. Each office is aware of the situation as it affects its respective territory. Appropriate steps must be taken to insure that all possible means are taken to gain this data.

You are also reminded that Section 87C, Manual of Instructions, on page 9 points out that the quarterly reports must include on the administrative pages an evaluation of all sources utilized and an evaluation of the degree of reliability of figures furnished by each source and of the final figures reported. Information from one source only is not acceptable unless there are set forth on the administrative pages factors demonstrating that the information from this source is the most accurate and most reliable information available. You are also reminded that you must explain in detail any increase or decrease from membership figures previously reported. Where informants utilized such terms as "inactive" or "paper" members, their exact understanding of the meaning of the terms used and the number of individuals so described must be set out. Full explanations as to whether individuals so described are included in the final figures reported must be made, giving reasons for their inclusion or exclusion.

Recently two of the larger field offices prepared administrative aids to help in pinpointing primarily weaknesses in those areas of investigation where complete identification of all Party members was still not known. One office prepared a list which set forth the names of each member of the various state, secretariat, commission and county organizations within its territory. Thereafter it listed the names of each CP member under the

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name of the club to which he belonged. From a review of the list it was apparent that while the office had made excellent progress in identifying CP members and their club assignments there were still gaps indicating that not all club members are yet known to the office. In other instances the list reflected the listing of individuals within a particular section without reference to their club assignment. These two factors alone enabled the field to analyze its investigative operations and to concentrate its investigations in those areas where additional coverage was necessary. In addition, next to the name of each member the office had indicated the year that it had established his membership. This list was the result of an intensified program inaugurated to identify the complete membership in the field office territory. The close analysis of this field office of its security investigations and the intensified program inaugurated to identify the complete membership included in addition to this list the followings:

1. Compilations of a complete membership list by county, section and club. This list was produced for the purpose of making a complete compilation of the information known regarding membership and organizational structure for ~~over-all~~ study and analysis.
2. Distribution of this membership list to all Agents assigned to security matters for their information and suggested revisions.
3. A conference of all section co-ordinators and resident agents concerning the intensified membership program out of which evolved practical suggestions; their interchange of ideas and techniques; and specific plans for additional coverage and penetration of those areas where information was lacking, by physical surveillances, confidential sources and informant development.

From these steps it was possible to compile the revised up-to-date list referred to above. The other office had prepared a chart along similar lines except that it showed on one half the membership picture as known in September, 1955, as compared to the other half which showed the present picture following the office's intensification of its security investigation program. The comparison showed material progress toward identifying CP members and their club assignments.

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*While both procedures utilized by these offices were primarily administrative aids the basic value of each lies in the fact that the offices were alert to the necessity for close analysis of their investigative operations and were sufficiently on top of the situation to institute measures to improve security coverage and overcome any existing weaknesses. The chart and list were used by these offices to augment Bureau instructions concerning the operation of the "Integrated Investigative System" as set forth in SAC Letter 54-28(J).*

*Where practical other offices may desire to use similar aids to spotlight those areas needing improved security coverage.*

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TO : SAC, New York

FROM : SAC, Albany (100-9555)

SUBJECT: CP, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
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DATE: 3/21/56

On December 14, 1955, [redacted] made available to SA's [redacted] and ASAC JOE D. JAMIESON information that was formerly in the possession of [redacted] Schenectady, New York. This material is filed in [redacted]

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An entry in a notebook under the date of 11/15 bears the notation, "Ghent - Man is willing, Ghent - Woman scared."

It is believed that this refers to a man and woman in Ghent, New York, which is within the territory of the New York Office. It would be appreciated if the New York Office could advise whether or not any man and woman connected with the Communist Party can be identified from either the Communist or Security Index of the New York Office.

CC: 2-New York (RM)  
1-Albany (100-9555)  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-22363)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
DISTRICT #19 - ORGANIZATION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 3-28-56

Utmost care must be used in reporting and handling the following information. It is suggested that complete paraphrasing be used in any dissemination of this information in order to protect the identity of the informant, who is one of a very small number of persons in possession of some of this information.

Re Chicago letter dated March 20, 1956.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished the following information to SA JOHN E. KEATING on March 27, 1956:

CG 5824-S advised that a meeting was held in Chicago, Illinois, at the residence of MORRIS CHILDS on March 27, 1956, with the following persons in attendance:

who is in charge of national trade union matters for the Communist Party - USA;

- 3 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100-3-89)(CP - USA, Strategy in Industry)
- 2 - Albuquerque (REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Organization)
  - (1 - 100-137)(Cominfil - IUMMSW)
- 2 - Butte (REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Organization)
  - (1 - 100-2847)(Cominfil - IUMMSW)

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- 8 - Denver (REGISTERED)  
(1 - 100-1800)(CP - USA, District #19)  
(1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Membership)  
(1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Strategy in Industry)  
(1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Political Activities)  
(1 - 100-4863) [REDACTED]  
(1 - 100-4009) [REDACTED]  
(1 - 100-4211) [REDACTED]  
(1 - 100-1934)(Cominfil - IUMMSW)
- 2 - El Paso (REGISTERED)  
(1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Organization)  
(1 - 100-2263)(Cominfil - IUMMSW)
- 1 - Los Angeles (100- ) (DAVE BROWN)(REGISTERED)
- 1 - Minneapolis (100-6379) [REDACTED] (REGISTERED)
- 7 - New York (REGISTERED)  
(1 - 100-80641)(CP - USA, Organization)  
(1 - 100-80638)(CP - USA, Membership)  
(1 - 62-5604)(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)  
(1 - 100-56579)(PHIL BART)  
(1 - 100-28609) [REDACTED] (#19)  
(1 - 100-27452) [REDACTED]  
(1 - 100-29009)(Cominfil - IUMMSW)
- 2 - Phoenix (REGISTERED)  
(1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Organization)  
(1 - 100-1847)(Cominfil - IUMMSW)
- 2 - Salt Lake City (REGISTERED)  
(1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Organization)  
(1 - 100-3600)(Cominfil - IUMMSW)
- 2 - San Francisco (REGISTERED)  
(1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Organization)  
(1 - 100- ) (WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN)
- 5 - Chicago  
(1 - A/134-46)  
(1 - 100-2748) [REDACTED]  
(1 - 100-3470)(MORRIS CHILDS)  
(1 - 100-10268)(Cominfil - IUMMSW)

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PHIL BART, who is a member of the National Organization Commission of the Communist Party - USA;

MORRIS CHILDS, who is Co-ordinator for Midwestern Districts of the Communist Party - USA;

[redacted] who is Executive Secretary of the Illinois-Indiana Communist Party District and who removed [redacted] as District Organizer of the Denver (Rocky Mountain) Communist Party District.

Report of PHIL BART on the Situation in the Denver (Rocky Mountain) Communist Party District

CG 5824-S advised that PHIL BART, who had been on a ten-day trip investigating the Communist Party and the situation around [redacted] in Denver, Colorado, made the following report to those who were present at this meeting:

[redacted]

BART stated that [redacted] is suspended from the Communist Party and will be expelled from the Party. BART said that he had a train ticket purchased for [redacted] from Denver to New York City and that [redacted] is supposed to proceed to New York City as soon as possible for a "trial" and for further questioning. CG 5824-S advised that this statement by BART means that [redacted] is expelled from the Communist Party for all intents and purposes, and that the "trial" in New York City will be a mere formality.

BART stated that he had interviewed fifteen persons regarding [redacted] but that he did not talk to any influential Party persons who are also members of International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (IUMMSW). BART stated that he also obtained three affidavits from [redacted]. In these affidavits, [redacted] has confessed to certain acts detrimental to the Party. In these affidavits he also states that he will be lying if in the future he charges any person with a violation

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of the Taft-Hartley Act. In these affidavits he has also made statements to the effect that the Communist Party does not teach certain things such as the use of force and violence.

BART further stated that after [ ]'s "trial" in New York City, a statement will be published or a public announcement will be made to the effect that [ ] is an enemy of the people. This public statement will not go into all the details known to the Communist Party and in this connection, BART stated that he is convinced that [ ] has not as yet told the Party everything that he knows about his activities.

BART stated that there is still some matters to be straightened out with regard to [ ]. One of these is the question of where [ ] will live. The Communist Party wanted [ ] to remain in New York City, but he states that he cannot stand the climate in New York. The Party will insist that [ ] stay someplace where he can be watched. BART stated that there is a tentative agreement that [ ] will go to San Francisco. In the meantime, the Communist Party has taken away all Communist Party property in possession of [ ].

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CG 5824-S further advised that BART stated that the District Board of the Denver Communist Party District met on Sunday, March 25, 1956, and that BART took up the problem of [ ] with the District Board and generally told them what the situation was. BART said that the District Board was in agreement with him that [ ] should be kicked out of the Communist Party.

BART further stated that the Communist Party now believes that [ ] was responsible for the arrest of [ ] on the West coast and further investigation is being conducted to get all the details of [ ] travels prior to this arrest. Affidavits are also being obtained in regard to [ ]'s relationship with his latest girlfriend, [ ] or [ ] (believed to be the maiden name of [ ]). BART stated that [ ] visited [ ] while he was in jail and the Party believes that one or both of them may have been working for the United States Government.

BART also talked about further investigation of [ ]'s activities. He mentioned an FBI stake-out in a parking lot about two weeks prior to the arrests of Communist leaders in

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Detroit, Michigan. He also mentioned an investigation to be conducted concerning a visit of [ ] to Chicago, at which time he met [ ] and is alleged to have been seen with one or more prostitutes in Chicago. [ ] also has stated that he had to go to Chicago and to Kansas City to see physicians because of his ill health. The Party is trying to determine through investigation if [ ] actually saw physicians or if he may have been meeting with Government Agents in these cities. BART further stated that [ ] has admitted that material pertaining to the Communist Party was removed from his clothing during the time he was in the underground.

In summing up on [ ] BART stated that the Communist Party investigation is similar to one that a District Attorney would conduct. He stated that the Party will continue this investigation and will talk to people in other Communist Party Districts concerning their knowledge of [ ]'s activities. BART commented that the investigation will involve other persons such as [ ] and BILL ALBERTSON, who are alleged to have known of some of [ ]'s activities, either with regard to his relation with women or his misuse of Party funds, and yet failed to report this to the Communist Party. BART stated that these investigations may lead to the censure of some other Party people. He also stated that the Party is trying to determine if there was any connection between [ ] and with former FBI informant [ ]

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#### Membership and Organization

(It is to be noted that CG 5824-S has previously advised that the Denver (believed to be Rocky Mountain) District of the Communist Party covers nine states.)

CG 5824-S advised that BART stated that there are, in round numbers, sixty registered Communist Party members in the State of Colorado and, in round numbers, sixty registered Party members in the other states in the Denver Communist Party District. BART stated that this Communist Party District includes part of the Panhandle area of Texas.

BART stated that the National Office of the Communist Party does not have confidence in the leadership of the Denver District, and that no one has as yet been selected to replace [ ] as District Organizer. BART stated that [ ] is

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still a part of the District leadership, but that the Communist Party does not trust her completely. feeling that she may still have some personal loyalty to [ ] and that she has not told the Communist Party everything she knows about him despite the fact that she has indicated that she is filing for a divorce. BART stated that BILL SCHNEIDERMAN talked to [ ] about [ ] approximately one week ago, at which time she did not tell him anything about [ ]'s activities. The Party also feels that the Catholic background of [ ]'s family may eventually have some influence on her.

BART stated that some of the Mountain states now in the Denver Communist Party District may be turned over to the California District of the Communist Party.

Concerning [ ] sister of [ ] BART stated that she plans to get married in the near future and move from Denver to California.

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Workers (IUMMSW)

CG 5824-S advised that BART stated, and [ ] fully agreed, that the most important thing in connection with the [ ] situation is its effect on the IUMMSW. BART commented that most of the IUMMSW officials were in Salt Lake City while he was in Denver. BART stated that he did not want to go to Salt Lake City from Denver in order to contact IUMMSW officials who were also Party members because of the security risks involved. He further stated that he does not want the leadership of the Denver Communist Party District to handle the [ ] situation as it pertains to IUMMSW.

BART stated that in the Denver Communist Party District, there are three dozen persons subject to Taft-Hartley. In this connection, BART stated that the Denver District also has members in important positions in the AFL in Colorado and in Utah. He also stated that the Denver District of the Communist Party has connections in the Democratic Party. In summarizing on this point, BART stated that despite the limited number of Party persons in the Denver District, the strength of the District lies in the fact that there are a number of Party members who hold influential positions in trade unions.

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BART again stated that the most important task of the Communist Party is to protect the Party members in IUMMSW. He commented that this is much more important than [redacted]'s "trial" or in getting more details and facts concerning [redacted]'s past activities.

CG 5824-S advised that at this meeting it was decided that [redacted] should get in touch with his contacts in IUMMSW and attempt to arrange to have three or four leading Communist Party members in IUMMSW in the Denver District come to Chicago within the next few days. At that time, these persons will be given some of the facts of the [redacted] case and will be warned that a bombshell is coming.

Comments of CG 5824-S

CG 5824-S advised that in the opinion of the informant, the Communist Party is most worried about the effect the [redacted] case will have on IUMMSW. Since the Party believes that [redacted] was a Government Agent, it is possible that those Communist Party members in IUMMSW subject to Taft-Hartley will be most disturbed when the facts in the [redacted] case become known to them. CG 5824-S believes that these persons might be interviewed with some hope of success after the "public" announcement that [redacted] is an enemy of the people.

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Opinion of the Chicago Division

It is the opinion of the Chicago Division that the opinion of CG 5824-S in regard to the [redacted] case and how the Bureau might profit from it has considerable merit. It is pointed out that [redacted] is through as far as the Communist Party is concerned, that he has a disreputable background and, therefore, has little potential as either an informant or as a witness. [redacted]'s main value would be to provide historical data. For this reason, it is believed that consideration might be given to interviewing selected IUMMSW officials, who are also Communist Party members, as soon as the "public" announcement about [redacted] is made by the Communist Party.

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On 3/7/56, NY 1637-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available documents in the possession of PHILIP BART.

On 2/15/56, [ ] stated BART was Assistant Executive Secretary, CP, USA. b7D

Included in these documents were two pages of notes containing, what appears to be membership figures, for Western Massachusetts, New Bedford, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

Photographs of these two pages are enclosed for the Boston Office.

Extreme care should be used in the dissemination of this material so as not to compromise informant. Original negatives of this material are maintained in the exhibit section of NY 100-56579.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-80638)

DATE: 3/29/56

SAC, Albany (100-9555)

SUBJECT:

CP, USA  
DISTRICT #2  
ALBANY DIVISION  
MEMBERSHIP  
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Re Albany letter to New York dated 12/30/55.

The following information is furnished to the New York Office for use in preparing the Quarterly Report for the period January 1, 1956, through March 31, 1956. It is estimated that there are as of this time in the Albany Division 176 Communist Party members in the New York State Communist Party. This estimate is arrived at as follows:

On March 9, 1956, [ ] furnished information concerning the Communist Party reregistrations in the Northeastern Subdistrict, which reflected there were 104 reregistrations. b7D

AL CS 2945-S\* advised during the early part of 1955 that there were 72 Communist Party members in the Western Subdistrict, which includes the areas of Syracuse, Ithaca, and Binghamton, New York.

The above totals 176 Communist Party members in District #2 covered by the Albany Division.

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2-Buffalo (100-4379)(RM)  
1-Albany (100-9555)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C41)

FROM : SA RICHARD H. BLASSER

SUBJECT: CP, USA, DISTRICT # 2,  
NY DIVISION (QUEENS COUNTY CP)  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Date: 4/2/56

Source: [REDACTED]  
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Description of Activity:

Details of CP meetings  
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mant during Feb., 1956.

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1 - NY 100-26603-C1844 (Area 3) (#20-13)  
1 - NY 100-71535 [REDACTED] (#20-13)  
1 - NY 100-114546 [REDACTED] (#20-13)  
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1 - NY 100-77925 [REDACTED] (#20-13)  
1 - NY 100-80638 (MEMBERSHIP) (#12-14)  
1 - NY 100-15386 [REDACTED] (#20-13)  
1 - NY 100-119285 [REDACTED] (#20-13)  
1 - NY 100-25864 [REDACTED] (#20-13)  
1 - NY 100-26603 (JAMAICA CP SECTION) (#20-13)  
1 - NY 100-125475 [REDACTED] (#20-13)

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[redacted] orally advised SA RICHARD H. BLASSER on 3/9/56, of the details of the following CP meetings which he attended during February, 1956:

Area 3 CP Financial Station, held on 2/7/56

Informant advised the above meeting was held at the home of [redacted] Jamaica, Long Island.

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In addition to himself, the following people were present:



Informant advised money was turned over to him by the above individuals. Informant will give this money to BILL - , Queens County CP Financial Director, at a later date.

- 1 - NY 100-87822 [redacted] (#20-13)
- 1 - NY 100-7629 (COMINFIL, NAACP) (#20-13)
- 1 - NY 100- [redacted] (JOE - JAMAICA SECTION CP Press Director; per [redacted] 3/9/56) (#20-13)
- 1 - NY 100-110940 [redacted] (#20-13)
- 1 - NY 100-108503 [redacted] (#20-13)
- 1 - NY 100-88084 [redacted] (#20-13)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (FUNDS) (#19)
- 1 - NY 100- [redacted] (UNSUB: FLORENCE LNU, W. F. 45-50, 5'6", dark red hair; per [redacted] 3/9/56, Queens County CP Assistant Motion Director) (#20-13)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C41 (#20-13)
- 1 - NY 100-92208 [redacted] (#20-13)

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Queens County CP Financial Station held on 2/8/56

Informant advised the above meeting was held at the home of [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Queens Village, Long Island.

Informant advised the following persons were present:

[redacted] - , who has been identified by the informant as being identical with [redacted].

DAVE or DAVID, Nassau County Membership and Financial Director, who has been identified as being identical with [redacted]

Informant advised that money was turned over to "BILL", Queens County CP Financial Director, and a registration report was turned over to [redacted] Organizational Secretary of the Queens County CP, by Area Membership and Financial Directors.

Informant advised that [redacted] who has been identified by him as being [redacted] did not turn his registration report over to [redacted] on 2/8/56. He will submit it at a later date. Informant advised the report that he turned in to [redacted] reflected that 341 members, out of 414 in Area 3, had been registered as of 2/8/56.

Area 3 CP Staff Meeting held on 2/22/56.

Informant advised this meeting was held at the home of [redacted] who resides on Jewel Avenue, Forest Hill, Long Island. Those present were the following in addition to the informant:

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Informant advised that [REDACTED] requested that he be relieved of his duties as Area 3 Organizer in order to be able to straighten out dissension which has arisen in the Jamaica CP Section.

[REDACTED] has quit her position as Section Organizer of the Jamaica CP Section over a disagreement with [REDACTED] Jamaica CP Staff Member, and a Negro, JOE [REDACTED], who is the Jamaica Section CP Press Director.

[REDACTED] devotes all of her time to the NAACP for the Party.

[REDACTED] will be the Jamaica Section Organizer temporarily, but will still be Area 3 CP Organizer.

Area 3 Financial CP Station, held on 2/28/56

Informant advised the above station was held at the home of [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] Jamaica, New York. Those present were the following:

[REDACTED]

Money was turned over to the informant at this station and the informant will turn it over to the Queens County CP at a later date. The purpose of this station was to arrange a meeting for Section Membership and Financial Directors of Area 3.

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Informant advised that he visited [redacted] Bell Section Financial and Membership Director on 2/26/56, at her new residence at [redacted] or Avenue, Bayside, Long Island.

Informant also advised he visited [redacted] of the Far Rockaway CP Section Staff on 2/25/56. [redacted] resides at [redacted] Long Island.

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Informant advised the above visits were made for the specific purpose of collecting money from [redacted] and [redacted]

Informant also advised he visited [redacted] and [redacted] on 2/5, 19, and 26/56, in order to secure the Sunday "Worker" which would be delivered to various Party members.

Informant advised [redacted] secured the Sunday "Worker" from the paper's office located on East 12th Street, New York City.

Informant advised he also visited [redacted] on 2/5/56, in order to check up on dues of Masbeth Section members which had been collected and turned over to [redacted] who resides at 20-23 Green Avenue, Ridgewood, Long Island.

Informant also advised that [redacted] visited him on 2/8/56. Informant advised that [redacted] visited him in order to secure \$49.00 that he advanced for tickets for the Thirty-Second Anniversary Banquet of the "Daily Worker" at Carnegie Hall on 1/20/56.

Informant advised on 3/9/56, that FLORENCE LNU is the Assistant Membership Director of the Queens County CP. Informant described her as follows: White, female, age 45-50, height 5'6", dark red hair, weight 125 pounds, Build slim.

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Reurlet 3/21/55.

On the basis of the information contained in relet, no man or woman of Ghent can be identified.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C41) Date: 4/2/56  
FROM : RICHARD H. BLASSER, SA  
SUBJECT: CP, USA, DISTRICT # 2  
NEW YORK DIVISION (QUEENS COUNTY CP)  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Source:

Reliability:

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This informant has  
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Description of Activity:

Details of Queens  
County CP Legislative  
Conference on 2/10/56  
2/12/56  
Instant memo.

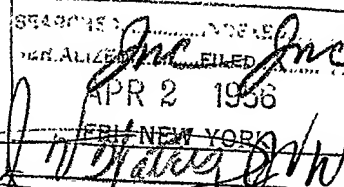
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1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - NY 100-103872 [REDACTED] (#20-13)  
1 - NY 100-119285 [REDACTED] (#20-13)  
1 - NY 100-103907 (RHODA GADSON) (#20-13)  
1 - NY 100-25864 [REDACTED] 20-13)  
1 - NY 100-71535 [REDACTED] (#20-13)  
1 - NY 100-82714 [REDACTED] (#20-13)  
1 - NY 100-92208 [REDACTED] (#20-13)  
1 - NY 100- [REDACTED] (UNSUB: ROSE LNU, Temporarily Replacing  
[REDACTED] as the Bell Section  
Financial and Membership Director; per  
[REDACTED] 2/12/56) (#20-13)  
1 - NY 100-125745 [REDACTED] (#20-13)  
1 - NY 100-75386 [REDACTED] (#20-13)

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[redacted] orally advised SA RICHARD H. BLASSER  
of the following on 2/12/56:

A Queens County Legislative CP Conference was  
held in the basement of the real estate office of [redacted]  
[redacted] Liberty Avenue, Jamaica, New York.

Twenty-three people were present. This number  
included twelve women and eleven men. The following people  
were present who are known to the informant:

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[redacted]  
UNSUB: ROSE LNU, who was temporarily replacing  
[redacted] as the Bell CP Section Financial and Member-  
ship Director [redacted] was in New Orleans, Louisiana,  
where she was attending a wedding).

UNSUB: Section organizer of the East Queens CP  
Section who was described by the informant as follows:  
age 40, color white, sex male, height 5'9½", weight 185-  
190 pounds, hair dark brown, characteristics, round face  
and wore glasses.

- 1 - NY 100-114201 (COMINFIL, PTA) (#7-2)
- 1 - NY 100-7629 (COMINFIL, NAACP) (#7-2)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C358 (JAMAICA, NY CP SECTION) (#20-13)
- 1 - NY 100-79717 (Political Activity) (#12-13)
- 1 - NY 100- (UNSUB: Section Organizer, East Queens Section.  
W, M, 40, 5'9½", 185-190 pounds; per [redacted]  
2/12/56) (#20-13)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C1845 (Bell CP Section) (#20-13)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C1844 (Area 3) (#20-13)
- 1 - NY 100-80638 (Membership) (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-67197 [redacted] (#20-13)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C41 (#20-13)

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Three people in all were present from the Bell CP Section, two of whom were women.

The informant advised that [redacted] of Area 3 of the Queens County CP, was the speaker. [redacted] is a full-time CP paid functionary.

[redacted] spoke on the election campaign and stated that they would conduct their activity for the coming elections through the PTA and the NAACP.

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[redacted] also advised those present that support must be given to Representative POWELL's recent bill concerning segregation.

[redacted] is the Jamaica CP Section Organizer.

[redacted] who made the meeting place available, attended about two-thirds of the meeting and then went upstairs.

The informant advised that [redacted] gave him the impression that he may be connected, in some way, with the "Daily Worker".

The informant also advised that as of 2/8/56, 341 CP members of Area 3 had been registered in the current registration which just ended.

The informant advised that the next Queens County CP Financial station would be held in approximately one month from 2/8/56, at the home of [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-84)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18962)  
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 4-3-56

Re Chicago teletype dated April 2, 1956.

Care should be used in reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information to SA JOHN E. KEATING on April 2, 1956:

Time, Type and  
Place of Meeting

CG 5824-S advised that a meeting of the Administrative Staff of the Illinois-Indiana Communist Party District was held at 189 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, on April 2, 1956. The meeting was held at this address, which is the office of the Chicago Joint Committee to Defeat the Smith Act, because "The Worker" office, which is the Communist Party headquarters in Chicago, had been closed by the Internal Revenue Service.

Persons in Attendance

CG 5824-S advised that the following members of the Administrative Staff were in attendance at this meeting:

- 3 - Bureau (REGISTERED)  
(1 - 97-401)(Publishers New Press)
- 1 - Indianapolis (100- ) (CP - USA, Security Measures)  
(REGISTERED)
- 1 - Los Angeles (100- ) (CP - USA, Security Measures)  
(Info)(REGISTERED)
- 1 - Milwaukee (100- ) (CP - USA, Security Measures)  
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- 1 - Minneapolis (100- ) (CP - USA, Security Measures) (REGISTERED)
- 8 - New York (REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100-81338) (CP - USA, Security Measures)
  - (1 - 100-74560) (CP - USA, Funds) (#19)
  - ~~(1 - 100-80638) (CP - USA, Membership)~~
  - (1 - 100-96985) (CP - USA, Underground Operations)
  - (1 - 100-89590) (CP - USA, Strategy in Industry)
  - (1 - 100-89691) (CP - USA, Domestic Administration Issues)
  - (1 - 100-80641) (CP - USA, Organization)
  - (1 - 97-169) (Publishers New Press)
- 1 - Omaha (100- ) (CP - USA, Security Measures) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - San Francisco (100- ) (CP - USA, Security Measures) (REGISTERED)
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  - (1 - 100-21222) (CP - USA, Underground Operations)
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  - (1 - 100-17769) (CP - USA, Funds)
  - (1 - 100-19431) (CP - USA, Strategy in Industry)
  - (1 - 100-19491) (CP - USA, Domestic Administration Issues)
  - (1 - 100-18953) (CP - USA, Organization)
  - (1 - 100-31945) (Chicago Joint Committee to Defeat the Smith Act)
  - (1 - 100-3470) (MORRIS CHILDS)
  - (1 - 100-3301) [REDACTED]
  - (1 - 100-12459) [REDACTED]
  - (1 - 100-2748) [REDACTED]
  - (1 - 100-18104) [REDACTED]
  - (1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
  - (1 - 100-3960) [REDACTED]
  - (1 - 100-2749) [REDACTED]

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Also present were CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Chairman of the Illinois-Indiana Communist Party District and member of the National Board of the Communist Party - USA, and MORRIS CHILDS, Co-ordinator for Midwestern Communist Party Districts, both of whom are ex-officio members of the Administrative Staff. The informant further advised that LEON KATZEN, Chairman of the Chicago Joint Committee to Defeat the Smith Act, was present at this meeting as an invited guest.

Reaction of the Communist Party  
to the Internal Revenue Service's  
Liens for Taxes on the "Daily  
Worker" and Communist Party Assets

CG 5824-S advised that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, who had recently returned to Chicago from New York City, gave the reaction of the national Communist Party leadership to the Internal Revenue Service's liens for taxes on the assets of the "Daily Worker" and the Communist Party. LIGHTFOOT stated that despite statements appearing in the press that an official of the Internal Revenue Service in New York was responsible for these actions against the "Daily Worker" and the Communist Party, that the Party believes that this move by the United States Government was a well planned and well thought-out maneuver. The Party believes that the "Executive Committee of the Capitalist class in the United States" decided on this maneuver for the purpose of feeling out public opinion on the issue of Communism. The Party believes that the reaction of the public press reflects that as of the present time public opinion is on the side of the Communists.

Re-evaluation of the  
Political Climate in the  
United States by the  
Communist Party

LIGHTFOOT stated that while the evaluation of the political climate in the United States which led to the decision

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to dismantle the underground was not incorrect, since the political climate is more favorable to the Communists as opposed to the McCarthyites than it was a year ago, that the Communist Party is not over the hump as yet. The national leadership of the Communist Party, based upon its own estimate and that of some of its allies in organizations of the Left, believes now that its recent policy of more open activity may have been a little too one-sided.

Security Measures to be  
Adopted by the Communist  
Party

CG 5824-S advised that LIGHTFOOT stated that based upon the current re-evaluation of the political climate in the United States, the Internal Revenue Service liens and the pending decision of the United States Supreme Court on the McCarran Act, the following national Communist Party policy with regard to security measures has been established:

Since the Party now thinks that there may be mass arrests in the event that the McCarran Act is held Constitutional, the Communist Party will not maintain any membership lists or registration forms. In general, no Communist Party records are to be kept.

The current Communist Party fund drive for the Party and for the press has been cancelled, since any money collected would be subject to Internal Revenue Service lien.

The Communist Party will discontinue the collection of any Communist Party dues, since any money collected would be subject to Internal Revenue Service lien.

The Communist Party will not have any full-time employees on its payroll and, in fact, there will be no Communist Party payroll, since there will be no Communist Party funds for such a payroll.

Individuals in the Communist Party will be contacted for contributions to various Communist front groups. The Communist Party will receive loans from these front groups and loans from individuals in order to support its full-time employees. It is felt that full-time Party employees cannot be saved in the event of an adverse ruling on the McCarran Act.

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Security measures will be worked out for the day-to-day operation of the Communist Party. It is felt that if the Communist Party continues to be as careless as it has been in recent months, that it will meet with objections from the lower organizations in the Party. An example was cited, in that the Douglass Division of the Illinois-Indiana Communist Party District refused to fill out club registration forms for security reasons.

The Communist Party has decided that it will not send people into the underground as yet; however, some members may be "detached or separated" from the Communist Party organization. With regard to the underground, it is felt that the only way to safeguard the people for any length of time is to set up an apparatus such as that which was established for the refugees (Comfugs) and the Party is not ready to make the decision to re-establish such an apparatus.

Particular emphasis will be placed on tightening security in shop clubs, since Communist Party members in the shops are particularly worried over recent events, such as the arrest of EMANUEL BLUM in Chicago and the obtaining of subscription lists of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" by the United States Government.

Security Measures for Mid-  
western Communist Party Districts

CG 5824-S advised that he learned at this meeting that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT told MORRIS CHILDS to convey this national Communist Party policy pertaining to security measures to the rest of the Communist Party Districts in the Midwest.

Meeting of the National Board  
of the Communist Party

CG 5824-S further advised that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT stated that he would return to New York City toward the end of the week of April 1, 1956, for the purpose of attending a meeting of the National Board of the Communist Party, in which further decisions in line with this current Party policy on security measures will be adopted.

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Observation of the Chicago Division

The Chicago Division desires to point out in regard to this current Communist Party policy not to keep any records, that in the past, particularly in the period when a large portion of the Communist Party was in an underground status and when Party policy was to keep no records, that there were many violations of these security measures by individual Party members.



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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

NEW YORK (MANHATTAN)  
KINGS (BROOKLYN)  
BRONX AND QUEENS COUNTIES  
AND WATERFRONT COMMUNIST PARTY  
SECTION, NEW YORK CITY

QUARTERLY PERIOD  
JANUARY 1, 1956, THROUGH  
MARCH 31, 1956

Referral/Consult

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Inc., 405 W. 41st St., NYC, and Bermuda Benevolent Association Hall, 1402 West 146th St., NYC, used as NY CP meeting places during February, 1956. Kings County CP maintained meeting place at 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, NY, during period January, 1956, to March, 1956. Hungarian House of NY, Inc., 2141 Southern Blvd., Bronx, NY, and Washington Credit

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SYNOPSIS CONT'D:

Union, 807 E. Tremont Ave., Bronx, NY, used frequently for Bronx County CP meetings. Queens County CP meetings held at Duo Arts Academy, 107-50 Queens Blvd., <sup>Queens</sup> NY; Allen and Edwards Real Estate Office, 168-18 Liberty Ave., Queens, NY. Queens County CP Club meetings held at members' residences. Informants report [redacted] to be [redacted] of NY County CP: [redacted] CP [redacted] Harlem area; [redacted] [redacted] Greenwich Village CP Section; [redacted] Membership-Financial [redacted] Greenwich Village CP Section. The following reported active in leadership capacity, Kings County CP: [redacted] County [redacted] [redacted] Regional [redacted] and [redacted] County Press Committee member. Informants report following are Bronx County CP leaders: [redacted]; [redacted] [redacted] all active on section leadership level. Other Bronx County CP leaders set out. In Queens County CP [redacted] reported to be Organizational [redacted] Financial [redacted] [redacted] Area 3. Other Queens County CP leaders set out. [redacted] reported to be CP Waterfront Section [redacted] in NYC. Greenwich Village CP

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SYNOPSIS CONT'D:

Section reported organized into 11 CP clubs. Kings County CP Sections set out. Boundaries of Queens County CP areas set out. Informant reported CP Waterfront Section, NYC, had set up Seamen's Defense Committee, 421 Seventh Ave., NYC, for CP agitation campaign. Informant reported following percentages achieved in CP registration: Manhattan, 84%; Brooklyn, 78%; Bronx, 75%; Queens, 82%. Registered membership of Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section, Bronx County CP, totals 176. Current Queens County CP registration ended 2/8/56. Informant reported amount assessed individual CP member in future fund drive would be equivalent to one week's earnings. Bronx County fund drive scheduled to start about 4/1/56.

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This is a joint report summarizing information developed during the quarter January 1, 1956, through March, 31, 1956, regarding Communist Party activities within New York County, Kings County, Bronx County, Queens County, and the Waterfront Communist Party Section compiled by the following agents:

SA [ ] New York County.

SA JOSEPH T. O'LEARY, Kings County.

SA ROBERT E. JONES, Bronx County.

SA MATHIAS F. ERIEG, Queens County.

SA [ ] Waterfront Section.

All informants designated by a T symbol in this report have furnished reliable information in the past or are in a position to furnish reliable information unless noted to the contrary.

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GLOSSARY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS  
MENTIONED IN THIS REPORT

Bronx Freedom of the Press Committee

T-1 advised on March 9, 1956, that the Bronx Freedom of the Press Committee, which has sponsored educational meetings on various occasions, is in reality the Bronx County Communist Party.

"Daily Worker" and "The Worker"

T-25 on May 27, 1955, advised that the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" have been and continue to be under complete domination and control of the Communist Party, USA, and constitute the primary medium for bringing Communist Party "line" to the rank and file of Party membership on a day-to-day basis particularly in the East and the Mid-West.

Labor Youth League

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Incorporated

The Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Incorporated, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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I. ORGANIZATION

(Bufile 100-3-69)  
(New York file 100-806411)

A. Headquarters and Meeting Places

New York County

Headquarters

T-14 advised on January 20, 1956, that he had recently learned that the former headquarters of the Communist Party, USA, and New York State Communist Party at 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City, were being retained for use as a headquarters for the New York County Communist Party.

On February 14, 1956, T-15 advised that the offices on the second, third and fourth floors at 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City, formerly occupied by the Communist Party, USA, and New York State Communist Party as their headquarters, were then in the process of being extensively renovated, and that there was no indication the premises were being used by the New York County Communist Party as a headquarters.

T-16 advised on February 29, 1956, that he had learned from a Communist Party functionary in late February, 1956, that the New York County Communist Party would occupy the offices which were formerly occupied by the Communist Party at 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

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T-17, who was in a position to have knowledge of activities in the building located at 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City, advised on February 29, 1956, that the Communist Party had spent over \$2,000.00 in improvements of the offices at 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City, and that these improvements included new lighting, new furniture, carpenter work, new linoleum, and painting. The informant identified [redacted] from a photograph as the person in charge of the renovation of the offices at 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

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T-17 advised on March 13, 1956, that there was no activity in the offices at 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City. The informant stated that [redacted] was in and out at irregular times and there were only a few pieces of furniture in the offices. Referral/Consult

T-18 advised on March 28, 1956, that the Harlem Region Communist Party Headquarters was located at 79 West 125th Street, New York City, during the period from January 1, 1956, to March 28, 1956.

T-19 advised during the period January, 1956 through March, 1956, the Harlem Region Communist Party Office at 79 West 125th Street, New York City, was used on a day-to-day basis by [redacted] for the transaction of Harlem Region Communist Party business.

#### Meeting Places

T-20 advised on February 9, 1956, that a meeting of Communist Party functionaries, at which [redacted] acted as Chairman, was held at the Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Incorporated, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, on February 1, 1956. The informant stated JOHN GATES gave a report at this meeting on the 1956 elections, which was followed by a discussion regarding the "Daily Worker" and how to make the newspaper easier to read.

JOHN GATES was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on October 14, 1949, of conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940.



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T-18 advised on March 1, 1956, that a Harlem Region Communist Party meeting was held at Bermuda Benevolent Association Hall, 402 West 146th Street, New York City, on February 29, 1956. According to the informant, this meeting was also referred to as a reception for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. The informant advised DAVIS made a few remarks on the recent surrender of the fugitive Communist Party leaders and the segregation situation in the South.

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on October 14, 1949, of conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940.

Kings County

T-7, who was in a position to have knowledge of activities in the building located at 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York, advised on March 26, 1956, that during the period January 1 to March 26, 1956, the Kings County Communist Party maintained a meeting place on the second floor of the building at that address. The informant stated that during this period the premises occupied by the Kings County Communist Party were used principally during the evening hours. The informant stated that it appeared that meetings were being held there, judging from the large number of people entering and departing from there. The informant added that during this period various types of mail, including newspapers and periodicals, bearing the name Kings County Communist Party, 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York, were left there.

T-8 advised during the period January through March, 1956, that the following meetings of the Kings County Communist Party were held at 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York, on the dates indicated:

Section Organizers  
January 9, 1956

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Educational Directors  
January 11, 1956

Press Directors  
January 23, 1956

Section Organizers  
February 6, 1956

Educational Directors  
February 9, 1956

Section Organizers  
February 14, 1956

Section Organizers  
February 20, 1956

Press Directors  
February 29, 1956

Educational Directors  
March 15, 1956

Bronx County

T-1, T-2, and T-3 furnished the following information which indicated that the Hungarian House of New York, Incorporated, known as the Hungarian Restaurant, 2141 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York, is used frequently as a meeting place by various groups within the Bronx County Communist Party.

T-1 advised on February 17, 1956, that the Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section and the Prospect Section, both of the Bronx County Communist Party, held a joint educational meeting at the Hungarian Restaurant on February 9, 1956. The informant advised that this meeting was held in the name of the Bronx Freedom of the Press Committee.

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T-1 stated on March 5, 1956, that a meeting of the Club Organizers of the Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section of the Bronx County Communist Party was held on February 27, 1956, at the Hungarian Restaurant, 2141 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York.

On March 9, 1956, T-1 advised that the monthly educational meeting of the Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section, Bronx County Communist Party, was held March 2, 1956, at the Hungarian Restaurant and was sponsored by the Bronx Freedom of the Press Committee.

T-2 advised on January 9, 1956, that it was announced at a Communist Party meeting that the Bronx Communist Party was scheduled to hold a "square dance" at the Hungarian Restaurant on January 13, 1956. The informant advised that the affair was being held in connection with the "Daily Worker" subscription drive, which was then in progress.

T-3 advised on December 30, 1955, and January 4, 1956, that he had learned from DONALD LESTER, Bronx County Communist Party Chairman, that a "County Committee Meeting" was scheduled to be held at the Hungarian Restaurant on January 10, 1956.

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Special Agents of the FBI observed DONALD LESTER and [redacted] of the Northwest Section, Bronx County Communist Party, were in a group of approximately 30 people who were present at the Hungarian Restaurant on January 10, 1956.

T-2 advised on February 15, 1956, that a County-wide meeting of Communist Party functionaries of the Bronx was to be held on February 13, 1956, at the Hungarian Restaurant. The informant advised that the meeting would be attended by all Party functionaries from the Bronx as well as a representative of the New York State Communist Party Committee.

T-4 advised on January 19, 1956, that [redacted] had been asked to attend a staff meeting on January 23,

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1956, at the "Bookshop" located in the Washington Credit Union at 807 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York.

On January 23, 1956, Special Agents of the FBI observed DONALD LESTER, [redacted], [redacted], and [redacted], along with several other men, entering or leaving 807 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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T-5 advised on December 8, 1955, that [redacted] [redacted] was then in charge of : ideological work for the New York District of the Communist Party.

T-5 further advised on December 8, 1955, that [redacted] [redacted] was then the Organizational [redacted] of the New York District of the Communist Party.

T-6 advised on February 29, 1956, that the address of the Bronx Freedom of the Press Committee is in care of the "Bookstore" on Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Special Agents of the FBI observed on March 7, 1956, that DONALD LESTER and [redacted] were present at 807 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York. T-3 advised on March 21, 1956, that DONALD LESTER planned a small meeting for the "Bookshop" to be held on that date.

T-1 advised on February 16, 1956, that the Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section, Bronx County Communist Party, was going to hold a mobilization on February 19, 1956, for the "Daily Worker". The informant advised that this mobilization was to be held in the Labor Youth League Clubroom, 862 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York, and that the Communist Party Section pays \$5.00 towards the monthly rent of the room.

T-1 advised during January and February, 1956, that Communist Party meetings were held, or were scheduled to be

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held, at the homes of the following persons on the dates indicated:

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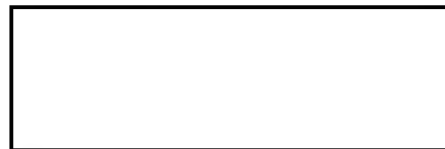
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February 6, 1956

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February 14 and 20, 1956

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February 27, 1956

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March 5, 1956

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T-2 advised during January and February, 1956, Communist Party meetings were held, or were scheduled to be held, at the residences of the following persons on the dates indicated:



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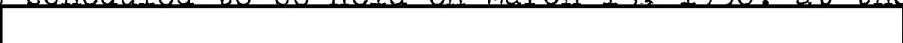


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Queens County

T-11 advised on February 9, 1956, a press conference was held January 21, 1956, at the Duo Arts Academy, 107-50 Queens Boulevard, Queens, New York, which the informant stated was, in fact, a Communist Party Conference.

The informant advised on February 6, 1956, that a Queens County Communist Party Leadership Conference was scheduled to be held in the basement of Allen and Edwards Real Estate Office, 168-18 Liberty Avenue, Queens, New York, on February 10, 1956.

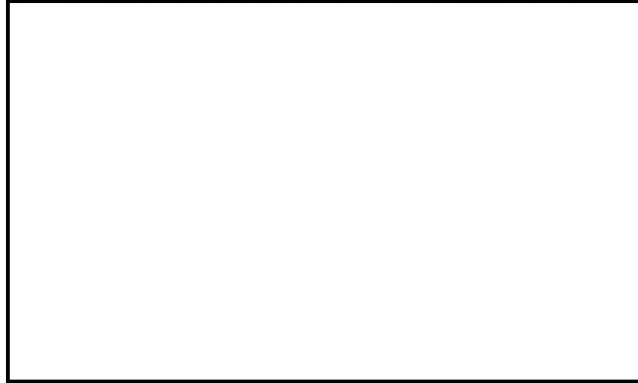
The informant advised on March 1, 1956, that a meeting of Queens County Communist Party Section Membership Directors was scheduled to be held on March 13, 1956, at the residence of  Queens, New York.

T-12 advised during the period January through March, 1956, that meetings of the Queens County Richmond Hill Communist

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Party Club were held at the following residences:



T-13 advised during February, 1956, that meetings of the Queens County NAACP Communist Party Club were held at the following residences:

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Waterfront Section

No information has been received indicating that the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party in New York City has <sup>an</sup> established headquarters.

B. Communist Party Leadership

New York County

The following individuals have been reported as holding leadership positions in the New York County Communist

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Party on a County or Regional level:

[redacted] with aliases; [redacted]  
[redacted]

Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: T-20 and T-21 advised on March 24, 1956, that [redacted] was introduced as [redacted] of the New York County Communist Party at a meeting sponsored by the Manhattan Freedom of the Press Committee held at the Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Incorporated, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, on March 23, 1956.

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T-20 advised on March 16, 1956, that the meeting to be held on March 23, 1956, at the Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Incorporated, under the auspices of the Manhattan Freedom of the Press Committee, had been described at a meeting of the Greenwich Village Communist Party Section Club Organizers held on March 14, 1956, as "an all out meeting" for all Party people.

[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: T-22 advised on January 20, 1956, that [redacted] was then the Communist Party [redacted] in the Harlem area.



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[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: T-20 advised on February 9, 1956, that he had received information in early February, 1956, that [redacted] was then the [redacted] of the Greenwich Village Section of the Communist Party.

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[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: T-20 advised on March 16, 1956, that [redacted] was then the Membership - Financial Director of the Greenwich Village Section of the New York County Communist Party.

Kings County

The following individuals have been reported as holding leadership positions in the Kings County Communist Party:

[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: T-5 advised on January 10, 1956, [redacted] was then the Brooklyn Communist Party [redacted]  
T-8 advised on February 29, 1956, that during the course of a Kings County Communist Party

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Press Directors meeting held on that date at 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York, [redacted] [redacted] was described as the County [redacted] by an unidentified individual.

[redacted] with alias: [redacted]

Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: T-9 advised on March 14, 1956, that at a Communist Party meeting held on March 13, 1956, at 97 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, [redacted] Chairman of this meeting, introduced [redacted] as a Regional [redacted] of the Communist Party in Brooklyn, and as the Chairman of the Communist Party in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn.

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[redacted] with aliases: [redacted]

Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: T-8 advised on January 23, 1956, that during the course of the Kings County Communist Party Press Directors meeting held on that date at 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York, [redacted] introduced [redacted] as of the County Press Committee.

Bronx County

The following have been identified as being active in a leadership capacity in the Bronx County Communist Party:

[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]

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Party Position: T-1 advised on March 21, 1956, that [redacted]  
[redacted] was at that time [redacted] of the Bronx  
County Communist Party.

[redacted] with aliases: [redacted]

Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: T-2 advised on January 30, 1956, that [redacted]  
[redacted] was at that time [redacted]  
of the Northwest Section, Bronx County Communist  
Party.

T-1 advised on March 21, 1956, that [redacted]  
[redacted] is being transferred from the  
Northwest Section to the Hunts Point-Tremont-  
Boulevard Section where he will be [redacted]

[redacted] with aliases: [redacted]

Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: T-1 advised on March 21, 1956, that [redacted]  
[redacted] of the Hunts Point -  
Tremont - Boulevard Section is being transferred  
to the Prospect Section of the Bronx County  
Communist Party. The informant advised that  
[redacted] will be the assistant Section Organizer  
of the Prospect Section.

[redacted] with alias: [redacted]

Residence: [redacted]

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Party Position: T-1 advised on February 9, 1956, that [redacted] had been named [redacted] of the Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section.

T-1 advised on March 23, 1956, that [redacted] was still known as a [redacted] but he believes [redacted] will be an assistant to [redacted] as he was to [redacted] the former Section Organizer of the Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section.

[redacted] with aliases: [redacted]

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Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: T-1 advised on January 13, 1956, that [redacted] was at that time a member of the Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section Staff.

[redacted] with alias: [redacted]

Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: T-2 advised on February 10, 1956, that [redacted] was then a member of the Section Committee of the Northwest Section, Bronx County Communist Party.

T-1 advised in February, 1956, that the following persons were then Club Organizers in the Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section of the Bronx County Communist Party:

[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]

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[redacted] with aliases: [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

Residence: [redacted]

[redacted] with aliases: [redacted]  
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Residence: [redacted]

[redacted] with aliases: [redacted]  
[redacted]

Residence: [redacted]

T-2 advised in February, 1956, that the following individuals were then Club Organizers in the Bronx County Communist Party:

[redacted] with aliases: [redacted]  
[redacted]

Residence: [redacted]

[redacted] with aliases: [redacted]  
[redacted]

Residence: [redacted]

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Queens County

T-11 reported during the period from January through March, 1956, the following individuals were known to be officers of the Queens County Communist Party:

[redacted] with aliases: [redacted]  
[redacted]

Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: [redacted] Queens County Communist Party.

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[redacted] with alias: [redacted]

Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: [redacted] Queens County Communist Party.

[redacted] with aliases: [redacted]  
[redacted]

Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: [redacted] Area 3, Queens County Communist Party.

[redacted]

Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: [redacted] Area 3, Queens County Communist Party.

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[redacted] with aliases: [redacted]

Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: [redacted] Area 3,  
Queens County Communist Party.

[redacted] with aliases: [redacted]

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Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: [redacted] Bell Section, Queens County  
Communist Party.

[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: In charge of the Professional Group, Bell Section,  
Queens County Communist Party.

[redacted] with aliases: [redacted]  
[redacted]

Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: [redacted] Jamaica  
Section, Queens County Communist Party.

[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]

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Party Position: [redacted] Jamaica Section, Queens County,  
Communist Party.

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[redacted] with alias: [redacted]

Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: [redacted]  
Rockaway Section, Queens County Communist  
Party.

Waterfront Section

T-23 advised on March 7, 1956, that [redacted]  
[redacted] was then the Communist Party  
Waterfront Section [redacted] in New York City.

C. Organizational Units

New York County

T-20 advised on February 9, 1956, that the Greenwich Village Communist Party Section was then organized into 11 clubs and that the Section covered the area south of West 14th Street, New York City, and extended partially into the Lower East Side, New York City.

T-20 advised on March 1, 1956, that the Greenwich Village Communist Party Section was formerly a Communist Party Region and that although it is presently referred to as a Communist Party Section, it still had the same status as a Communist Party Region. The informant also advised that the Greenwich Village Communist Party Section had been formed through the consolidation of the following groups which were now discontinued:



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Chelsea Communist Party Section  
Lincoln Square Communist Party Section  
Greek Club  
Yugoslav Club

The informant was of the opinion that these four Communist Party organizations had been reorganized into 11 Communist Party Clubs which comprise the Greenwich Village Section of the New York County Communist Party.

Kings County

T-8 advised on February 6, 1956, that on that date, during the course of a Kings County Communist Party Section Organizers meeting held at 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York, the following sections were enumerated in connection with quotas for "The Worker":

Bedford-Stuyvesant  
Williamsburg  
East New York  
Rugby  
Crown Heights  
Boro Park  
Ovington  
Bensonhurst.  
Bath Beach  
Coney Island  
Midwood  
Lincoln  
21st AD  
Waterfront  
Kings Highway  
Avenue U  
Brighton  
Manhattan Beach

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T-8 advised on February 29, 1956, that on that date, during the course of a Kings County Communist Party Press Directors meeting held at 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York, [redacted] the principal speaker at this meeting, enumerated the following sections in connection with the "Daily Worker" subscription drive:

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Manhattan Beach  
East New York  
Williamsburg  
Coney Island  
Waterfront  
Brighton  
Boro Park  
Industrial

T-10 advised on March 12, 1956, that on that date the following sections were enumerated:

Flatbush  
Crown Heights  
Waterfront  
17th AD  
Brighton  
Midwood  
East New York

Bronx County

T-1 advised on February 9, 1956, that there were then 13 clubs in the Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section of the Bronx County Communist Party. The informant advised that the clubs are numbered 1-13 and in addition, several of them are designated by name. Set forth below is a list of clubs for which names are known to either with their numbers:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	Parents Club Number 1
7	Youth Club Number 1

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
8	Youth Club Number 2
9	Parents Club Number 2
10	Tenants Club
13	Cultural Club

The informant further advised on February 9, 1956, that the Youth Clubs are to be broken up in the near future and the members placed in other clubs.

Queens County

T-11 advised on February 27, 1956, that the geographical boundaries of the three areas of the Queens County Communist Party are as follows:

Area Number 1	Consists of the area from East River east to 110th Street, Corona, Queens, and bordered on the south by Queens Boulevard and on the north by Long Island Sound.
Area Number 2	Consists of the area from 110th Street, Corona, north from Horace Harding Boulevard to Long Island Sound and east to Utopia Parkway, Bayside, Queens.
Area Number 3	Consists of the area south of Horace Harding Boulevard and Queens Boulevard from Maspeth to the Nassau County line and including Bayside and the North Shore.

The informant on January 6, 1956, advised that he had heard various Queens County Communist Party officials refer to the Queens County organizational breakdown as either areas or regions.

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Waterfront Section

On January 20, 1956, T-23 advised that he had learned from a Communist Party functionary that [redacted] Communist Party Waterfront Section [redacted] New York City area, had stated that a "Screening Committee" had been set up in New York by the Communist Party Waterfront Section. This committee, known as the Seamen's Defense Committee, is located at 421 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

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T-23 further advised that he also learned that the question of the "Screening Committee" fighting the United States Government for pay los% by screened seamen is nothing but a Communist Party agitation campaign and does not have too much backing from the rank and file. The informant advised that he also learned that as soon as the committees were formed and a program worked out the Communist Party would go all out to win the screening cases against the Government.

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II. MEMBERSHIP  
(Bufile 100-3-68)  
(New York file 100-80638)

The current estimated membership of the four counties and Waterfront Section of the Communist Party is as follows:

New York County (Manhattan)	3,069
Kings County (Brooklyn)	2,992
Bronx County	2,299
Queens County	1,936
Waterfront Section	90

T-24 on January 4, 1956, made available information concerning the 1955-1956 Communist Party registration. According to the informant, this was the first registration of the Party since that completed in May, 1954. Informant advised that 75% of the state-wide registration in New York had been effected as of that date, and gave the following percentages of registration which were achieved in these counties:

Manhattan	84%
Brooklyn	78%
Bronx	75%
Queens	82%

Informant also advised it was estimated that registration for Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, and Bronx would be in the low 90% of the 1954 registration, and that there would be two weekend city-wide mobilizations on January 21 and 22, 1956, and January 28 and 29, 1956, during which an effort would be made to register 500 to 700 additional comrades.

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Kings County

T-8 advised on January 23, 1956, during the course of a Kings County Communist Party Press Directors meeting held on that date at 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York, [ ] [ ] stated that in connection with the Communist Party registration, 500 people would have to be brought into the Communist Party clubs.

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Informant further advised that [ ] stated that registration varied from 12 in one section to 25 in another section. T-8 advised on February 6, 1956, that during the course of the Kings County Communist Party Section Organizers meeting held on that date at 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York, [ ] stated there were 450 unregistered Communists in Brooklyn at that time.

Bronx County

T-1 advised on February 9, 1956, that as of February 8, 1956, there were 194 Communist Party members registered in the Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section. The informant advised the membership is broken down by clubs as follows;

<u>Club Number</u>	<u>Club Name</u>	<u>No. of Registered Members</u>
1	Parents Club No. 1	10
2		18
3		16
4		16
5		16
6		18
7	Youth Club No. 1	13
8	Youth Club No. 2	12
9	Parents Club No. 2	17
10	Tenants Club	17
11		14
12		14
13	Cultural Club	13

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T-1 advised on February 16, 1956, that as of that date, the Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section, Bronx County Communist Party, had registered 196 members out of an expected total of 225. The informant advised that of the 196 registered, 20 had transferred out of the section, leaving a total of 176 persons officially registered in the section.

Queens County

T-11 advised on January 19, 1956, that [redacted] Queens County Communist Party, stated that the current Communist Party registration would end on February 8, 1956. Informant advised [redacted] stated that only those individuals who are traveling or those who otherwise cannot be reached will be allowed to register after February 8, 1956. [redacted] reportedly stated that those refusing to register after the deadline will be dropped from the Party.

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III. FUNDS

(Bufile 100-3-63)

(New York file 100-74560)

New York County

On March 16, 1956, T-20 advised that at a meeting of the Greenwich Village Communist Party Section on March 14, 1956, [redacted] of the Section, answered an inquiry regarding dues by stating the section was in "good shape".

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[redacted] stated that as soon as the section's current press drive was completed, the fund drive would begin. [redacted] asked the section members and club organizers present to prepare a statement reflecting the earnings and the amounts contributed to the Communist Party fund drive last year by the individual club members. Informant stated the amount assessed an individual member in the future fund drive would be equivalent to one week of their earnings.

Bronx County

T-2 advised on January 9, 1956, that [redacted] Communist Party Club [redacted] on January 3, 1956, announced that her club had been selected as an experimental club in the forthcoming Communist Party fund drive. She stated that the club would have to raise \$1,400.00, and that they would attempt to do it by having the members make a series of weekly payments rather than trying to get the money in one lump sum. According to [redacted] it was felt that this would be easier on the members financially.

T-2 advised on February 10, 1956, that the Bronx County Communist Party fund drive was scheduled to start about April 1, 1956.

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Press Committee

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Restaurant:

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Report

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CP to use LYL  
Club Room at  
862 E. Tremont  
Avenue, Bronx

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CP meetings  
at following  
homes:

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T-1 (Cont'd.)	[redacted] 2/6/56	2/9/56	[redacted]	[redacted]       Instant Report
	[redacted] 2/13/56	2/16/56	"	
	[redacted] 2/14/56	2/16/56	"	
	2/20/56	"	"	
	[redacted] 2/27/56	"	"	
	[redacted] 3/5/56	2/29/56	[redacted] (orally)	
	[redacted] is Bronx CP	3/21/56	"	
	[redacted] being transferred as Section	"	"	
	[redacted] being transferred to Prospect Section	"	"	
	[redacted] is Section	2/9/56	"	

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T-1 (Cont'd.)	[redacted] assistant to [redacted] [redacted]'s position	3/23/56	[redacted] (orally)	Instant Report
	[redacted] is Club [redacted]	2/17/56	"	[redacted]
	[redacted] is Club [redacted]	2/9/56	"	
	[redacted] is Club [redacted]	"	"	
	[redacted] is Club [redacted]	"	"	
	13 Clubs in Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section	"	"	
	Number of registered CP members in each club	"	"	"
	176 members registered as of 2/16/56	2/16/56	"	[redacted]

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T-2 [redacted]	Square Dance to be held at Hungarian Restaurant 1/13/56	1/9/56	[redacted]	[redacted]
	Meeting to be held at Hungarian Restaurant 2/13/56	2/15/56	"	
	CP meetings at following residences:			
	[redacted] 1/3/56	1/9/56	"	
	1/5/56	1/5/56	[redacted] (orally)	
	[redacted] [redacted] 2/15/56	2/10/56	[redacted]	
	[redacted] Section [redacted]	1/30/56	"	
	CP position of [redacted]	2/10/56	"	
	[redacted] is Club [redacted]	2/10/56	"	

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T-2 (Cont'd.)	[redacted] is Club [redacted]	2/15/56	[redacted]	[redacted]
	CP Fund Drive experiment	1/9/56	"	
	CP Fund Drive to begin 4/1/56	2/10/56	"	
T-3	Meeting to be held at Hungarian Restaurant 1/10/56	12/30/55 and 1/4/56		
	Meeting to be held 3/21/56	3/21/56		
T-4 NY 1474-S*	Meeting to be held 1/23/56	1/19/56		
T-5 CG 5824-S	Documentation of [redacted]			
	Documentation of [redacted]			
	[redacted] Brooklyn CP [redacted]	1/10/56	JOHN E. KEATING (orally)	100-52959-635
T-6	Bronx Freedom of Press Committee Address	2/29/56		

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T-7 	Kings County CP meeting place, located at 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York	3/26/56	JOSEPH J. MAC FARLANE (orally)	Instant Report
T-8 NY 1657-S*	Section Organizers meeting, 1/9/56	1/9/56		
	Educational Directors meeting, 1/11/56	1/11/56		
	 Committee; Brooklyn Registration; Press Directors meeting, 1/23/56	1/23/56		
	Brooklyn Sections enumerated; Brooklyn Registration; Section Organizers meeting, 2/6/56	2/6/56		
	Educational Directors meeting, 2/9/56	2/9/56		
	Section Organizers meeting, 2/14/56	2/14/56		

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T-8 (Cont'd.)	Section Organizers meeting, 2/20/56	2/20/56		
	Press Directors meeting; [redacted] described as County [redacted] 2/29/56	2/29/56		
	Educational Directors meeting, 3/15/56	3/15/56		
T-9 [redacted]	[redacted] Regional [redacted] of CP in Brooklyn and Chairman of CP in Bedford-Stuyvesant area	3/14/56	EDWARD J. MULHOLLAND (orally)	Instant Report
T-10 [redacted]	Brooklyn Sections enumerated, 3/12/56	3/12/56		
T-11 [redacted]	Queens CP Press Conference, 1/21/56	2/9/56		
	Queens Leadership Conference, 2/10/56	2/6/56		
	Queens Section Membership Directors meeting, 3/13/56	3/1/56		

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T-11 (Cont'd.)	Geographical breakdown Queens County CP	2/27/56		
	Queens County breakdown referred to either areas or regions	1/6/56		
	CP registration Queens	1/19/56		
	Info re the following individuals being in a leader- ship capacity in Queens County CP.			
		3/1/56		
		1/19/56		
		3/8/56		
		1/19/56		
		1/19/56		
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T-12 NY 972-S	Queens CP meetings held at the following places:			
		1/20/56	RICHARD H. BLASSER	
		2/17/56	"	
		3/9/56	"	
T-13 [redacted]	Queens CP meetings held at the following places:			
	[redacted]	2/3/56	ROBERT E. TAYLOR	
	"	2/13/56	"	
	"	2/27/56	"	
	[redacted]	2/27/56	"	
T-14 NY 694-S	268 Seventh Avenue, New York City, being retained as NY County CP Headquarters	1/20/56	[redacted]	100-26603- C42-2043

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T-15 NY 1317-S*	Offices at 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City, being renovated	2/14/56		
T-16 [redacted]	NY County CP to occupy 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City	2/29/56	BRYAN JINNETT, RICHARD H. BLASSER (orally)	100-26603- C42-2064
T-17 [redacted] (by request)	[redacted] in charge of renovation at 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City	2/29/56	[redacted] (orally)	100-26603- C42-2062
	No activity at 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City	3/13/56	"	100-26603- C42-2070
T-18 [redacted]	Harlem Region CP Headquarters located at 79 West 125th Street, New York City	3/28/56	[redacted] (orally)	Instant Report

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T-18 (Cont'd.)	Harlem Region meeting, 2/29/56	3/1/56	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-19 [REDACTED]	Harlem Region CP Headquarters used by [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	1/1/56- 3/31/56	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-20 [REDACTED]	Use of [REDACTED] as CP meeting place	2/9/56	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED] introduced as [REDACTED] NY County CP, 3/23/56	3/24/56	[REDACTED] (orally)	100-26603- C42-2072
	Manhattan Freedom of the Press Committee meeting, 3/23/56	3/16/56	[REDACTED]	100-26603- C42-2067
	[REDACTED] Press [REDACTED] Greenwich Village CP Section	2/9/56	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Greenwich Village CP Section	3/16/56	[REDACTED] (orally)	[REDACTED]

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T-20 (Cont'd.)	Greenwich Village CP Section organized into 11 clubs	2/9/56	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
	Greenwich Village CP Section organization	3/1/56	"	
	Fund Drive preparations	3/16/56	[Redacted] (orally)	
T-21 [Redacted]	[Redacted] introduced as [Redacted] NY County CP, 3/23/56	3/24/56	[Redacted] (orally)	100-26603- C42-2071
T-22 [Redacted]	[Redacted] CP [Redacted] Harlem area	1/20/56	"	[Redacted]
T-23 [Redacted]	[Redacted] CP Waterfront Section [Redacted] New York City	3/7/56	JESSE C. PARKER	
	Seamen's Defense Committee set up by CP Waterfront Section, New York City	1/20/56	LOUIS S. LEAR	

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T-24 NY 1622-S*	CP registration percentages	1/4/56		
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T-25 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>	Used to document "Daily Worker" and "The Worker"			
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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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I. MEMBERSHIP  
(Bufile 100-3-68)  
(New York file 100-80638)

There has been no information received by the New York Division indicating an appreciable change in the estimated membership for the Communist Party, USA, District Number 2, within the New York Division. The basis for the calculation of the estimated membership of the Communist Party within the New York Division has been previously set out on the Administrative Page of the report of SA [REDACTED] 1/20/56, New York.

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[redacted] Special Agents observing DONALD LESTER and [redacted]  
[redacted] at the Hungarian Restaurant, 2141 Southern Boulevard,  
Bronx, NY, on 1/10/56 were:

[redacted]  
ANDREW STERTZER  
ROBERT E. JONES

Special Agents who observed the activity at 807  
E. Tremont Ave., Bronx, NY, on 1/23/56 were:

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[redacted]  
ANDREW STERTZER  
ROBERT E. JONES

[redacted] Special Agents who observed DONALD LESTER and [redacted]  
[redacted] at 807 E. Tremont Ave., Bronx, NY, on 3/7/56 were:

[redacted]  
ROBERT E. FARRELLY

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow and report pertinent activity in the  
NY, Kings, Bronx, Queens Counties and the Waterfront Section of  
District #2, CP, USA for the quarter period 4/1 to 6/30/56.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] 1/20/56, at NY.

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NEW YORK (100-80638)

BUREAU (100-3-68)

CP, USA MEMBERSHIP  
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[redacted] on 4/18/56 furnished a membership report for the Bell C. Section of Region 3 of the Queens County CP. The report was prepared by [redacted] Financial and Membership Director of the Queens CP and reflects the following information:

1. Starting membership as of 9/1/55. (37)
2. How many of the above starting membership were registered to date. (75)
3. How many recruits since 9/1/55. (0)
  - a. How many re-registered since 9/1/55. (0)
  - b. How many pick-ups since 9/1/55. (2)
4. How many transfers-in did you get since 9/1/55. (3)
  - a. How many transfers-in came in not registered. (0)
  - b. " " " " " registered. (3)
  - c. " " " " " did you register since 9/1/55. (0)
5. How many transfer-out since 9/1/55 (10 + 1 unregistered)
6. Present membership (Item 2 (75) plus item 3 (2) plus item 4 (3) minus item 5 (10) = 70 - 1 death = 69
7. How many of item 1 above were drops since 9/1/55. (2)
8. How many of item 1 above can still be registered. (4? - no - 5)
9. How many of item 4B above can you register. \_\_\_\_\_
10. By what date will this be done? 5/1 I hope."

The date, Section name and Region name appear at the top of the report.

3 - Bureau (100-3-68) (RM)

1 - [redacted]

1 - NY (100-26603-CHL) (QUEENS CP) (20-13)

1 - NY (100-86624 Sub A) (DAYLET) (12-14)

1 - NY (100-80638)

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According to the informant, each Section membership and Financial Director in Region 3 will be required to execute one of these forms.

"FRANCES" also called "FLORENCE", (LNU), Assistant Deacons County Membership Director, prepared the forms and will receive them back when executed.

A Photostat of the Bell Section membership report is being retained by the NYO. Complete dissemination will be made by memo.

RELLY

MEMPHIS, TEN (100-37070)

4/20/56

CHICAGO, ILL (100-10408)

SALE, MEMPHIS, TEN

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On 3/20/56, [redacted] furnished photographic copies of information in the possession of SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]. The original negatives of this source are being made Exhibit 129 in Case [redacted] at Chicago, 100-10408.

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Among the information furnished by this source was a six page typewritten report titled "Report on T." It is believed that the "T" stands for Texas and the report covers a meeting of the Texas State CP. The first paragraph of this report reads as follows:

"A meeting of the State Committee was held. To my knowledge it was the last meeting of the State Committee in several years. The order of business was devoted to: a report on the Party Organization in two cities; the 1954 elections; its lessons; the roll of the Party and necessary steps in building the coalition for 1956; reorganizing the State Committee; and Party registration."

- 1-Bureau (100-37070) (RM)
- 1-Chicago (100-20371) (RM) (MEMPHIS - [redacted])
- 1-Chicago (100- ) (RM) (MEMPHIS - [redacted])
- 2-Houston (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 2-Memphis (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 2-San Antonio (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 1-New York (100-30630) (RM) (MEMPHIS - [redacted]) (12-14)
- 1-New York (100-31070) (MEMPHIS - [redacted]) (19)
- 1-New York (100-18402)

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Letter to LAMARCA, FOR  
BY 100-10102

Mentioned as giving reports of this meeting  
are "JOHN" and "JIM".

This source also furnished a three page type-  
written memo titled "Memo on Registration." The memo  
outlines the proposed Texas ID Registration Drive which  
is to be called "The Foster - Lewis Registration, and  
Party Building Drive."

Copies of the above are being made enclosures  
to the copies of this communication distributed for Dallas,  
Houston, and San Antonio offices. Any office having  
information as to the identities of "JOHN" and "JIM",  
are requested to forward same to TX under the above caption.

## II. The Special Importance of This Years Party Registration.

THE ROLE THE PARTY PLAYS NOW THROUGH 1956 CAN BE DECISIVE IN INSURING SUCH A VICTORY. THEREFORE IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT EVERY LEADING PARTY MEMBER HELP IN COMPLETING OUR 1954-55 MEMBER-DONOR REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN. 100% REGISTRATION OF OUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE FALL OF 1954 IN CARRYING EVERY MEMBER OF OUR PARTY TOWARD HIS MAXIMUM ROLE IN HELPING THE DEMOCRATIC COALITION WIN IN 1956.

If the Party in Texas is to make its maximum contribution to the victory in '56 by building the democratic coalition now, then we must bring the Party's strength fully up to what it was in 1953.

To accomplish this it is necessary to:

- 1) See every individual that can be registered.
- 2) Have thorough discussions on our perspectives for the coming two years with people that have doubts.
- 3) Build the Party, by working out in detail the recruiting of people with whom we've been working over the past period and who are prepared now to join the Party and help guarantee victory for the democratic coalition in 1956.

On what basis will our entire Party membership, in Texas be organized for Party building and the most rapid completion of 100% dues payment for 1956? If every single member understands that the Democratic coalition can be victorious in Texas in 1956, knows how

att # 1 to 104-20638-1049

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (100-9555)

SUBJECT: CP, MEMBERSHIP  
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DATE:

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On February 25, 1956, AL 2962-S\* made available to ASAC JOE D. JAMIESON and SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] material which the informant advised had been in the possession of [redacted] Security Index subjects residing in Albany, New York. The material was photographed and returned to the informant.

[redacted] self-admitted Communist Party member from 1946 to 1950, in public testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Albany, New York on April 7, 1954, identified [redacted] and [redacted] as Communist Party members.

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The following is the portion of the material furnished by the informant, photographs of which are maintained in Albany file [redacted]

The following material is maintained in Albany file [redacted]

"Time - 4:30

I - State & National convention ----

CC 2 - New York (RM)  
1 - New York (NEGRO QUESTION) RM  
1 - New York (100-NAACP)RM  
1 - New York (100-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY) RM  
1 - Albany (100-9555)  
1 - Albany (100-9567) (POLITICAL ACTIVITY)  
1 - Albany (100-11067) (NEGRO QUESTION)  
1 - Albany (100-9840) (LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY)  
1 - Albany (100-9085) (NAACP)  
1 - Albany (100-9593) (EDUCATION)  
1 - Albany (100-11056) (ORGANIZATION)  
1 - Albany (100-8494) [redacted]  
1 - Albany (100-9865) [redacted]  
1 - Albany [redacted]

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"II - May 17 celebration - Membership  
Drive -

- 1 - Membership-
- 2 - Our people -
- 3 - active role -
- 4 - leadership position

II What can be done to turn this administration  
out & get a dem adm. with labor, Negro  
people, farmers in government -

Four part program -

- 1 series of celebration around May 17th
- 2 Fight for jobs - legislative struggle  
Help nationally to break Lehman - Humphreys  
bill out for discussion - (FEPC) -  
Utilize SCAD much more fully -  
City wide initiative for city FEPC & resolution  
in city council -

- 3 Housing - Determined to break  
Jim Crow in Port Chester - city ~~wide~~ & state  
wide support - Implementation of  
Metcalf-Baker bill in use of SCAD

- 4 - Negro Representation - chief  
area judgeship -

Long & short term emphasis -  
Try to get allies moving - Jewish,  
Labor -"

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"Agenda -

General Report  
Specific Reports from areas -  
Discussion

Main task - check drive towards war and fascism  
Further peoples coalition to turn out  
present administration - one responsive  
to needs of the people -  
1956 Important -



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"Our program -

Have national front of all forces -  
labor, farmer, Negro & democratic  
peoples - a coalition of all forces  
in this coming period for the 56 elections

Current merger of labor  
tremendous development -  
Revulsion against McCarthyism  
Feelings for Peace -

New Developments are taking place in  
this coalition -


New dangers - Imminent possibilities in  
war policy - Dulles -

Our tiny organization can influence  
millions if we operate in a correct way -

Negro people have tremendous stake in  
56 elections - Demitrov's statement that  
Fascism in advancing used chauvinism  
in its crudest forms -"

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 "The current offensive of Dixiecrats  
against desegregation issue, in schools

Tendency of development of new relationships  
of the Negro & other force - Labor merger  
with Quills statements raised to a high  
level -

Negro must be a big factor in achieving  
goal in 1956 -

Great advance in Negro Peoples movement -  
witness movement of desegregation -  
witness slogan of freedom in 63 -

How do we strengthen & increase the  
level of militancy of Negro Peoples Movement -

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"How do we bring them into coalition -

We must end our isolation from  
Main stream organizations - Mostly  
right lead -

Fight for a correct mass policy -  
A coalition within a coalition -

Within Negro life we must build a coalition  
of all elements - Main expression  
of Negro people is in form of National Question  
Must cement & strengthen ties with  
other peoples in coalition -

This is most important single organization  
in struggle for Negro rights -

Age ---

Program -- Anti McCarthy --"

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"Resolution on Colonial affair

" on Kenya

" on Labor & Industry Committees

" Reaffirmative of free by 63

Increasing relationship of the org with  
labor - National Board includes labor -  
Relationship with A.J.C.  
Serves as coordinating agency for the  
forces in Negro life - Is a major  
coordinating center unifying whole  
movement -

Our Goals --

Build it into much more powerful  
organization - & unify -

Move -masses into action - in a  
direction influenced by our policy -  
Not to take over - Not to have prolitarian  
elements to take over -

Cement ties with other orgs -  
particularly labor -

Emphasis on working class policy -  
Force middle class to give this type of  
leadership & more of it -



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"Don't give leadership by leftist errors as in the past - nor error of tailism, a rightist error - everyone of us must view ourselves as a leader.

Proposals -

1 - May 17th anniversary of desegregation victory - Madison Sq. meeting - could be an --"

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"enormous thing - increase relationship with allies

2 - Fight for jobs - legislative demands  
FEPC - Conference sponsored by broad coalition of groupings (Labor, NAACP, Jewish Peoples orgs, Urban League etc)

Suggestions for Program -

Same in Negro History Bulletin -

Many points actually dovetail -

- 1 Fight for jobs - (Labor & Industry Committee)
- 2 Fight for housing - (Housing Committee)
- 3 Fight against segregated schools (Education Committee)
- 4 Fight for Negro Representation (Legislative Committees)
- 5 Fight against Policy Brutality (Legal Redres Committee)

1 - Expand effectiveness of SCAD

Railroad Industry

Apprenticeship Training

Establishment of Labor Industry

Committee of Great help -

2 - Building Housing help economically -

Break up Jim Crow housing connected with segregation of schools -

Clinic - cooperation with other orgs -

3 - Membership in Lower New York - campaign to start May 1st - Dramatic opening with grand meeting May 17th -

Coordinated work in education and housing -

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"4 - Looking to 56 -  
Unity with legislators - "

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" 5 - Org always interested in this  
field -

Same changes in Police since  
years of work being done --

Discussion ---

Build Membership in order to make one  
a part of the org -

Jamaica - introduced resolution about  
boycott of South African products -

Keep in mind weaknesses & strength of  
leadership of orgs

For Negro History Week - participation of  
school children in Essay Contest on Negro  
History - Names of leaders handed out -

Not allow ourselves to be involved in  
divisive actions - Must play role of unity

Ours must be a role of achievement  
In the course of this membership grows -

Relation with P.

Maintain ties - discussions - read lit -

Maintain ourselves abreast of thinking in  
vanguard -

People in M. O. must find answers -

April 16 - 1:00 PM"

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"Program for local branch -  
To set up committees that are  
part of national program -

Labor Industry - Fight for jobs -  
Housing -

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"Education -  
Legislative - Negro Representation  
Legal Redress - Police Brutality

Victory celebration on May 17 -  
Approach Mayor for proclamation -  
Protest billboard of Ruth Outdoor Advest.

Negro appointed to Board of Education -  
Campaign for elected board - "

The following material is maintained in Albany file

[REDACTED]  
"Desegregation high on agenda -  
Real significance for '56  
Flurry of activity around implementation  
issue of orgs important - will have  
impact on courts decision -

Important to go out on membership  
drive -

Bronx chapter got Burrough President  
to designate May 15 to 22 as NAACP week -  
Having a dance - May 13 -  
One theater given them for their campaign  
Sunday May 15 - Mass meeting on  
courthouse steps - National leaderships -  
Organizing systematic handling of membership

Letters to religious leaders & organizations  
to support their effort and have celebration  
on their own.

Attempt to describe all issues of political content"

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[REDACTED]  
"Discussion -

Tendency to make membership  
drive mechanical -

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"There was a city wide workshop  
which outlined plans for celebration  
of NAACP week -

Membership drive - May 1 - June 15 -  
Yonkers - goal - 300  
Rye - " 400 (100 over)  
Queens - " 1500 (700 over)

Housing Expert - Madison Jones -  
Get info from him for housing comm -  
Expert on all aspects including  
questions on FHA"

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"National Convention -June 21-26)  
Atlantic City -  
Vote should & could be major  
issue in the election -  
Desegregation issue large -  
Housing issue -  
A F L - C I O merger

State - May 20, 21, 22  
Meeting - June 4 -"

It is not known whether the above material deals with  
current activity or not.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM \*\*\* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 4-9-56

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-9551)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
DISTRICT #32 -  
ORGANIZATION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Care should be used in reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished the following information to SA JOHN E. KEATING on April 2, 1956.

CG 5824-S advised that he had learned from LOUIS DISKIN, whom the informant has previously described as the former National Communist Party Coordinator for the packing industry and the current Organizational Secretary of the Foster or Packing Division of the Illinois-Indiana CP District, that DISKIN had just returned to Chicago from a trip to Nebraska.

CG 5824-S stated that DISKIN returned from Nebraska with \$35, which was given to the informant as Nebraska's contribution to the sustaining fund of the National Office of the CP, USA. DISKIN told CG 5824-S that [ ] will come to Chicago at some future date, at which time he will bring dues payments for Nebraska to the informant.

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2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)

4 - Omaha (REGISTERED)

(1 - 100-4130) (CP, USA-District #32)

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(1 - 100- ) (CP-Funds)

(1 - 100- ) (CP-Membership)

② - New York (REGISTERED)

(1 - 100-74560) (CP-Funds) (#19)

41 - 100-80638) (CP-Membership)

3 - Chicago

(1 - A) 134-46)

(1 - 100-24800) (LOUIS DISKIN)

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
DISTRICT #32 -  
ORGANIZATION

CG 5824-S advised that LOUIS DISKIN stated that the CP has a city committee presently functioning in Omaha, that the CP in Nebraska is attempting to increase its membership, and that now there are approximately sixteen registered Party members in Nebraska with six of these members in Columbus, Nebraska.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 4/19/56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/1/56 to 4/18/56	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH V. WATERS mpc
TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA District 2, New York Division			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p><i>Handwritten:</i> 4/26/56, 4/26/56, em</p> <p><u>QUARTERLY REPORT</u> January 1, 1956 to March 31, 1956 Referral/Consult</p> <p>Offices of NYSCP removed from 268 Seventh Ave., NYC to 101 West 16th St., NYC, at end of January, 1956, occupying entire 6th floor in building of Jefferson School of Social Science. State Board meeting on 1/4/56 released SIMON W. GERSON to direct campaign undertaken by CPUSA in connection with Smith Act. GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, speaking on "The Meaning of the XXth Congress of the CPSU", on 3/23/56, said CP would spend much time in "thrashing out" its full meaning. District 2 estimated to have 11,000 CP members, with 10,618 in area of New York Division. 1955-1956 registration said to be 75% complete as of 1/4/56, with 90% to be sought by February, 1956, registration in high 90% to be achieved thereafter.</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted] Informant has made available "chance" or "raffle ticket" type book for possible use in transferring CP members. CHARNEY, at 3/23/56 meeting, asserted that Soviet Congress had ended theory of Cominform and there would now be free interchange among Communist Parties of world. Also, CHARNEY said balanced view of STALIN is one not overlooking his achievements nor his serious weaknesses. [Redacted] at meeting of NY State Negro Commission on 1/21/56, stated CP would campaign for Negro candidates</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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on national and state levels, and that CP wants candidate on NY State ballot to project Party's program and viewpoint. Statement of NY State CP on New York State Budget for 1956-1957 presented at public hearing and asserted budget is short in funds for education, for improving NYC schools, particularly in Negro and Puerto Rican areas, for day care centers and State Rent and Youth Commissions. "Daily Worker" of 3/1/56 called for powerful pressure to force Republican legislators to make State Commission against Discrimination effective, and that Commission be given right to initiate complaints. Informant reported recommendation of NY Waterfront group that campaign be launched against JOSEPH CURRAN, President of National Maritime Union in forthcoming union election; same informant reported that activity on behalf of seamen screened off waterfront is only CP agitation campaign without support of rank and file on waterfront. DOXEY A. WILKERSON, at NY State Negro Commission meeting on 1/21/56, outlined key demands of CP in Negro liberation movement as forcible intervention in South, Congressional action on civil rights, ouster of Attorney General BROWNELL and Supreme Court deadline for desegregation in education in South. BOB JOHNSTON now head of NY State CP Farm Commission, having been relieved as Central New York organizer, his replacement being [redacted] who has stated CP in territory appears to be demobilized. [redacted] currently head of NY State CP Jewish Commission with title of Secretary. CP member reported to have stated Party sending out as many as possible to help Reverend MELISH retain control of his church against his Bishop. "Daily Worker" of 1/16/56, in urging turnout at its 32nd anniversary rally, mentioned its fund drive had reached \$46,936.87, with \$17,063.63 still to be raised. "Daily Worker" of 1/11/56 reported CP had urged enrollment in Jefferson School of Social Science as: "Most effective means available to our members for the study of Marxist-Leninist theory."

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All informants mentioned in this report have furnished reliable information in the past or were in a position to furnish reliable information.

This is a joint report of pertinent activities of the Communist Party, USA, District Number 2, in the New York Division, during the quarterly period January 1, 1956 to March 31, 1956, prepared by the following Special Agents:

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IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS

The following named individuals, mentioned in this report, may be identified as indicated below:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

On August 20, 1953, ALBERTSON was convicted in the United States District Court, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, of conspiracy to violate the Smith Act. He was sentenced on August 25, 1953 to five years imprisonment.

[REDACTED]

T-24 has advised in June 24, 1955 that [REDACTED] was "Negro Affairs" editor of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker".

[REDACTED]

T-8 has advised, on March 15, 1944, that [REDACTED] was then [REDACTED] of the Brownsville Branch # 1 of the CP, 16th Assembly District, Brooklyn, N.Y.

LOUIS E. BURNHAM

T-11 has advised on January 10, 1956 that LOUIS E. BURNHAM is a member of the National Negro Commission and a member of its Steering Committee.

GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY

An indictment was returned by the Federal Grand Jury at New York, New York, on June 20, 1951, charging CHARNEY, and others, with conspiracy to violate the Smith Act. His second trial under this indictment began April 9, 1956.

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T-11 has advised on December 8, 1955 that CHARNEY was then Chairman of the New York District of the Communist Party.

[REDACTED]

T-4 has advised on November 7, 1955, that [REDACTED] who has been acting as the organizer of the CP in the Albany, New York area had indicated that she recently had been given responsibility of the Communist Party's interest in farmers and would therefore, not be able to devote as much time to her leadership duties.

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.

On October 14, 1949, DAVIS was convicted in the United States District Court, New York, New York, of conspiracy to violate the Smith Act. He has served a sentence of five years.

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[REDACTED]

On November 17, 1955, T-18 advised that [REDACTED] holds the position of Queens County, Communist Party Organizational Secretary.

[REDACTED]

T-30 advised on December 10, 1954 that [REDACTED] was formerly a Labor Youth League member who was recruited into the CP by his wife [REDACTED]

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

The "Daily Worker", on December 5, 1955, page 2, column 1, identified FOSTER as National Chairman of the Communist Party.

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[redacted]

T-9 advised in October, 1947, that [redacted]  
[redacted] was [redacted] of the Personnel Commission,  
Crown Heights Section, Kings County, CP.

JOHN GATES

On October 14, 1949, GATES was convicted in the United States District Court, New York, New York, of conspiracy to violate the Smith Act. He has served a sentence of five years.

LILLIAN GATES

T-22 has advised on June 30, 1955 that at a CP meeting held in Harlem on June 29, 1955 LILLIAN GATES spoke after being introduced as a member of the New York State Committee of the CP.

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SIMON W. GERSON

"The Worker" on March 6, 1956, page 6, column 1, described GERSON as Legislative Chairman of the New York Communist Party.

IRVING GOFF

T-11 has advised, on December 8, 1955, that IRVING GOFF was then the upstate New York organizer for the New York District of the Communist Party.

[redacted]

T-2 has advised on January 23, 1956, that [redacted]  
[redacted] appears to be [redacted] of the New York  
State Negro Commission.

T-11, on December 8, 1955, advised that [redacted]  
was then in charge of ideological work in the New York  
District of the Communist Party.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] T-3 has advised on January 25, 1956 that [REDACTED] had been relieved of his duties as CP [REDACTED] in Central New York and is now head of the New York State CP Farm Commission.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] T-3 has advised on January 25, 1956, that [REDACTED] has taken over [REDACTED]'s duties as CP [REDACTED] of the Central New York area between New York City and Buffalo, New York.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] T-1, on January 20, 1956, identified [REDACTED] as of that date, as CP Waterfront Section [REDACTED] in New York.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] T-11, on January 10, 1956, has advised that [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED] of the Kings County Communist Party.

REVEREND WILLIAM HOWARD MELISH

On February 5, 1948, LOUIS BUDENZ, former editor of the "Daily Worker", advised that he had been told by a member of the Political Committee of the CP that MELISH was under Party discipline. He added that he visited MELISH and discussed MELISH's relations with the CP and MELISH said he wanted, first, to deepen his knowledge of the Party; second, to develop his association with the Party, and, third, to further his friendly acquaintance with the Party's leaders.

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[REDACTED]

On October 27, 1952, T-23 advised that [REDACTED] was at that time in the CP and was in contact with CP functionaries.

[REDACTED]

T-18 has advised that [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] of a CP meeting held at 168-18 Liberty Avenue, Jamaica, New York, on June 12, 1953.

[REDACTED]

T-11 has advised on December 8, 1955, that [REDACTED] was then Organizational [REDACTED] of the New York District of the CP.

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[REDACTED]

T-11 has advised on December 8, 1955, that [REDACTED] was then the [REDACTED] of the New York State Communist Party.

[REDACTED]

T-1, on January 20, 1956, identified [REDACTED] as of that date, as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the Waterfront Section, CP, USA, in Baltimore.

MAX WEISS

An indictment was returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Chicago, Illinois, on May 14, 1954, charging WEISS with violation of the Smith Act in that WEISS was a member of the Communist Party, knowing that the Communist Party taught and advocated the overthrow and destruction of the Government of the United States by force and violence.

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[REDACTED] T-2 has on January 23, 1956 advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] appears to be a member of the New York State  
Negro Commission.

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[REDACTED] T-22 advised on July 14, 1955 that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was in over-all charge of the Harlem Region  
of the Communist Party.

DOXEY A. WILKERSON

T-2 has advised on January 23, 1956, that DOXEY  
A. WILKERSON appears to be a member of the New York District  
of the Communist Party.

ARCHIE WRIGHT

T-3 has advised on December 21, 1955, that  
ARCHIE WRIGHT, a CP member, is president of the Farmers  
Union of the New York Milkshed.



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GLOSSARY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Set forth hereinafter are characterizations of organizations and publications mentioned in this report.

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

T-35 advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party, and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau, and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942 the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. T-35 knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the non-industrial areas of New York State.

T-5 advised on May 9, 1955, that the Communist Party today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it.

CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS

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"DAILY WORKER"

An East Coast daily Communist newspaper.

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INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER (IWO)

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JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

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JEWISH CULTURE AND AID SOCIETY

On January 24, 1956 T-5 advised that the Jewish Culture and Aid Society is the successor organization to Lodge 138, IWO.

"JEWISH LIFE"

"Jewish Life" in the issue of April, 1952, page 22, columns 1-2, in an article entitled: "30th Birthday Greetings to 'Morning Freiheit'," stated in part: "We of 'Jewish Life' owe a special debt to the 'Morning Freiheit' for we are its English-speaking off-spring."

LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE

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"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Daily Worker" on December 9, 1946, page 7, column 1, editorially referred to the "Morning Freiheit" as the Jewish language Communist paper.

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"The Worker"

Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker".

YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN COOPERATIVE HOME, INC.

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United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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MEMBERSHIP

(Bufile 100-3-68)  
(NY file 100-80638)

This section was prepared by SA JOSEPH V. WATERS.

Communist Party Membership in District Number 2

Current membership of the Communist Party in District No. 2, all of New York State, is estimated at 11,000.

The number of Communist Party members within that area of District No. 2 covered by the New York Division is estimated to be 10,618.

1955-1956 Registration

At the meeting of the New York State Communist Party Board on January 4, 1956, mentioned earlier in this report, the current status of the 1955-1956 registration was discussed. The speaker noted that 91% of the members had been registered in the previous registration which had been completed in May, 1954. Currently, the registration was said to be 75% complete. However, it was pointed out that while Negro registration was, on the whole, up to, and in some instances, above average, Negro membership was the lowest in years, and the Party must struggle to raise it. Puerto Rican membership had suffered a similar reduction. Industrial registration was above average, except for a few spots where a loss of 10 to 15% of the members is to be expected, and some areas where registration was below average.

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It was then proposed that the Party assign every comrade in State leadership to work with section organizers in visiting members.

In the course of registration, it was urged that an attempt be made simultaneously to strengthen the organization, by reviewing leadership and strengthening sections, committees and clubs. The speaker pointed out that three types of people could be brought back into membership:

1. Those who have always registered and consider themselves a part of the organization but have not been contacted lately.

2. People with greater confidence in the political situation.

3. Those basically loyal to the Party, but having differences with it.

It was pointed out that hundreds who had moved had not been transferred and would have to be traced and visited.

An aim of 90% by February in the state registration was set, with the situation being examined thereafter until a registration in the high 90% was achieved.

T-38 has reported on March 11, 1956 that the Party had compiled a list of over 3,000 New York City people to be contacted for possible return to the Party.

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The membership of the Communist Party, USA, District No. 2, all of New York State, is estimated at 11,000.

The area of District No. 2 covered by the New York Office is estimated to have 10,618. The membership in the remaining area of District No. 2, covered by the Albany and Buffalo Offices, has been estimated by those offices as 382.

The Albany Office, by letter dated March 29, 1956, has advised of an estimated 176 members in the area of District No. 2 covered by that office.

The Buffalo Office, by letter dated March 30, 1956, has advised of an estimated 206 members in the area of District No. 2 covered by that office.

The estimate of 11,000 CP members in District No. 2 is based in part on the information noted in referenced report in support of the estimate set out in that report.

Also considered was information supplied by T-29 on March 7, 1956 in the form of a copy of a document in possession of PHIL BART.

T-11, on February 2, 1956, described PHIL BART as assistant executive secretary of the CP, USA.

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This document is titled: "Initial 1955 Statement", and a note appears thereon to the effect that it is not to be considered final since additional 1955 dues were to be expected for at least the next quarter, after which a "more final" statement would be prepared.

This statement lists total dues (by units of payment), percentage of dues (units) received, 1955 assessments, and initiation fees (by units) for each of 32 areas throughout the country.

New York was recorded as having received 84,982 dues units. This was noted as an achievement of 68%, explained in a footnote as a percentage based on the 1954 membership figure as the only figure available. Dividing 84,982 by 12 (representing months of the year) indicates an average of 7,081.83 dues units were received monthly. Since an achievement of 68% in receipts is claimed, 100% payment of dues would fix the membership at 10,414, these being dues paying members.

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T-1 [redacted]	CP Waterfront group	1/20/56	Baltimore Office
	Documentation of [redacted] AND [redacted]		
T-2 [redacted]	New Farmers Union in the Hudson & Poughkeepsie Area	3/13/56	Albany Office
	NYSCP Negro Commission members	1/23/56	" "
	Negro Liberation Demands	1/23/56	" "
	Proposals for Action	1/23/56	" "
	Political Objectives of NY State CP	1/23/56	ROBERT E. MARGISON
	Documentation of [redacted] DOXEY A. WILKERSON and [redacted]		
T-3 [redacted]	CP Farm work in Central NY State Area	1/25/56	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	Documentation of [redacted] and ARCHIE WRIGHT		
	Negro Nationalism	1/11/56	RICHARD H. BLASSER

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T-4 [redacted]	Documentation of [redacted]		
T-5 [redacted]	[redacted] heads NY State Jewish Commission	2/17/56	[redacted]
	Conference of Jewish Culture and Aid Society	1/24/56	
	Documentation of the American Labor Party, Jewish Culture and Aid Society		
	[redacted] talk on "Arab-Israel Crisis" at Bx. CP functionary meeting 2/13/56	2/23/56	[redacted]
T-6 NY 1657-S*	Meeting of Educational Directors of Kings County CP	12/29/55	
	Classes at Jefferson School of Social Science	1/9/56	
	CP School Set-up discussed	1/11/56	
	DOXEY WILKERSON discourse on JSSS, 1/23/56	1/23/56	

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T-7 NY 1317-S*	NY State CP contribution to "Jewish Life "	1/26/56	
	Negro Cadre Problems	12/22/55	
	Educational Dept. Outlook.	1/26/56	
	Financial Statement, NY State CP	1/26/56	
	Terms of lease of JSSS premises by NYSCP	1/11/56	
	Renovation of premises at #63 Seventh Avenue, NYC	2/14/56	
T-8 Former [redacted]	Documentation of [redacted]		
T-9 Former [redacted]	Documentation of [redacted]		
T-10 [redacted]	CP sending people to assist Reverend MELISH to retain his Church	1/18/56	[redacted]

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T-11 CG 5824-S	Documentation of LOUIS E. BURNHAM, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] PHIL BART, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] DOXEY A. WILKERSON, GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, IRVING GOFF		
T-12 [REDACTED]	Support of March 28th Observance	2/28/56	
T-13 NY 1622-S*	Status of Negro Member- ship in NYSCP	1/4/56	
	Meeting of NYSCP Board at 111 East Houston Street, NYC, on 1/4/56	1/4/56	
T-14 NY 972-S	Political Objectives of NY State CP	2/3/56	RICHARD H. BLASSER
T-15 [REDACTED]	Political Objectives of NY State CP	2/6/56	[REDACTED]

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T-16 NY 1474-S*	Teaching of Class by [redacted]	1/19/56	
	Use by NY State CP of premises at 268 7th Avenue, NYC, during January, 1956, and removal to 101 West 16th St., NYC	1/56	
	Equipping of new quarters of CP with new flooring, partitions and painting	1/56	
T-17 [redacted]	CP Classes in Brooklyn in February 1956. Number of students in CP Class Holding of CP Class on 2/10/56	1/23/56 1/30/56 2/13/56	EDWARD J. MULHOLLAND
T-18 [redacted]	Area 3 CP Class on 1/26/56	1/27/56	RICHARD H. BLASSER
	CP will try to run [redacted] for office	3/22/56	"
	Coded Record Keeping	1/27/56	"
	[redacted] comments on STALIN at CP meeting on 3/15/56	3/23/56	"

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T-18 Cont'd	Documentation of [REDACTED]		
T-19 [REDACTED]	Proposed opening of CP school on 2/17/56.	2/13/56	ROBERT EDWIN TAYLOR
	CP Class on 2/17/56	2/24/56	"
	Outline for CP School	2/13/56	"
T-20 NY 693-S*	Use by NYSCP of premises at 268 7th Ave., NYC, during January, 1956, and removal to 101 West 16th St., NYC	1/56	
T-21 [REDACTED]	Proposed Beginning of CP School in Bronx.	2/16/56	[REDACTED]
	Temporary postpone-ment of CP School in Bronx	3/30/56	"
T-22 [REDACTED]	Club Organizers Class on March 7, 1956	3/1/56	[REDACTED]
	Documentation of [REDACTED]		LILLIAN GATES

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T-23 [redacted]	Documentation of [redacted]		
T-24 [redacted]	Documentation of ABNER W. BERRY  Statement of JOHN GATES that "Daily Worker" would become more of a New York paper	2/8/56	GUSTAV S. ABRANDT
	[redacted] appointed City Editor of "Daily Worker"	2/9/56	"
T-25 [redacted]	Confusion concerning CP Support of Democratic Party  CHARNEY speech on 20th Congress of CPSU on 3/23/56	2/9/56  3/24/56	[redacted]
T-26 [redacted]	Bank account of NY State CP	2/1/56 3/1/56	ALPHONSE J. SUTKUS
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T-27 [REDACTED]	Bank account of NY State CP	4/2/56	ALPHONSE J. SUTKUS
NYC. (by request)			
T-28 NY 1693-S*	Use of Pre-arranged Code	3/1/56	
T-29 NY 1637-S*	New Method of Transfer	3/2/56	
	"Initial 1955 Statement"	3/7/56	
T-30 Former [REDACTED]	Documentation of [REDACTED]		
T-31 NY 694-S	Use of premises of JSSS for National and state offices of CP	12/14/56	[REDACTED]
	Use of 268 7th Ave., NYC, by NY County organization	1/26/56	"
T-32 [REDACTED]	Autostat of statement of New York State CP	2/16/56	CHARLES F. HURLEY

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T-33 NY 1726-S*	3/27/56	3/27/56	
T-34 [REDACTED]	IRS action against CP	4/11/56	[REDACTED]
T-35 [REDACTED] (by request)	Documentation of American Labor Party		
T-36 [REDACTED]	2/23/56	2/23/56	
T-37 SF 1425-S*	1/25/56	1/25/56	
T-38 CG 5824-S	BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., to be Chairman of NYS Party	1/23/56	JOHN E. KEATING
	GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY to become Executive or Administrative Secretary of the NYS Party	"	"
	JOHN GATES and MAX WEISS made members of NYS Board	"	"
	Comment of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER on CP offices at 268 7th Ave., NYC	3/11/56	"

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T-38 Cont'd	Compilation of list of over 3000 for contact for return to Party	3/11/56	JOHN E. KEATING

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

Two symbols, T-11 and T-38, have been utilized in order to better protect the identity of CG 5824-S.

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report pertinent activities of the CP, USA, District No. 2 for the quarterly period 4/1/56 to 6/30/56.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, 1/20/56, New York.

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